

## The Nurses Who Trained at Provo General Hospital By Polly Aird

(Notes: Underlined names indicates what they were called. Photos without attribution are from the Fred W. Taylor collection.)

### **By nurse training years:**

- “The nurses’ training school connected with the Provo General Hospital graduated more than 40 trained nurses, thus giving young women an opportunity to serve in one of the highest professions of the world. Its graduates have since practiced in a number of states and a number are now serving with honor in public positions.” “New Utah Valley Hospital Brings Memory of Yesteryear,” *Utah Valley News*, Sept 1939 [no day, no page]. Polly Aird collection.

### **Oct 1903. Earliest nurses, before training school set up**

“Mrs. [Miss] Annie Hunter, for several years matron of the county infirmary, where she made an enviable reputation by her intelligent care and treatment of the patients, has been secured by the management as matron.”

(“Provo General Hospital,” *Deseret Evening News*, Oct. 13, 1903, p. 9.)

#### **-- 1904 Annie Laura Hunter, matron**

familysearch.org ID: KWZP-4GN

b. 5 Dec 1885 in Schofield, UT

d. 23 Aug 1967 in Salt Lake City

m. 23 Mar 1905 to Christian M. Lund in Scofield, UT. He died 1929.

m. 1933 G. J. Salmon in SLC.

- Oct 1901. “Utah County Affairs. . . . County Infirmary. Mrs. [sic—she was not married] Annie E. Hunter, matron of the county infirmary, submitted the following report of the movement of inmates for August. Inmates: 20 males, 13 females, total 33. Received 3 males, 1 female, for a total of 4. Discharged, 1 male, 1 females. Remaining Sept 30, 22 males, 13 females for a total of 35.” *Deseret News*, Oct 10, 1901, p. 7

- Oct 1903. “Mrs. Annie Hunter, for several years matron of the county infirmary, where she made an enviable reputation by her intelligent care and treatment of the patients, has been secured by the management as matron.” “Provo General Hospital,” *Deseret News*, Oct 13, 1903, p. 9. [Utah County Infirmary, built 1900, to care for the poor chronically ill and aged.]

- 1904 Provo City Directory lists Hunter, Annie, boards with Rodolf E. Hunter (a farmer) in American Fork. No mention of nursing (p. 200)

- 1910 Census. Married with 3 young children. Occupation: none

- 1920 Census. Married with 7 children. Occupation: none

- 1930 Census. Widowed with 4 children. Occupation: none
- 1967 Obit. No mention of nursing. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Aug 24, 1967, 4.

-- **1904 Clara Jane Allen**

familysearch.org ID: KWC6-37F

b. 30 Sep 1879 Coalville, Summit Co., Utah

d. 16 Dec 1961 in SLC

m. 1908 to Archibald Myron Cheney (1880-1951) in SLC (a lawyer & bank director)



From FrostKayDon1, klfrost61@gmail.com

- Aug 1903 "Miss Clara Allen returned home from Provo Wednesday, where she has been some months past." "Coalville Society," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Aug 16, 1903, p. 21
- Jan 1904 "Miss Clara Allen left Tuesday for Provo where she will spend the winter." "Coalville Society," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Jan 17, 1904, p. 20
- Jan 1904 "Miss Clara Allen has returned to Provo after a p[l]easant visit with her parents." "Coalville," *Salt Lake Herald*, Jan 17, 1904, p. 13.
- 1904 Provo City Directory, nurse at General Hospital, (p. 50)
- Oct 1904 "Miss Clara Allen arrived here Friday from Provo, and will remain for a month." "Locals and Personals," *Coalville Times*, Oct 14, 1904, p. 1.
- 1906 Provo City Directory, nurse, but PGH not mentioned (p. 42)
- Dec 1906. "Miss Clara Allen left [Coalville] for Salt Lake Tuesday morning where she has accepted a position with Dr. Irvine." *Coalville (UT) Times*, Dec 7, 1906, p. 1.
- 1910 Census, living with husband in in SLC

-- 1904 **Mary L. [Leona] Miles**

familysearch.org ID: KJ4M-1P5

b. 27 Mar 1881 in Gentry Co., Missouri

d. 22 Aug 1943 Salt Lake City

m. 13 Jul 1904 SLC Dr. John Carroll Landenberger

Father: Isaac Miles

Mother: Martha Jane Peery



From obituary,

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/11166997/?terms=Landenberger>

- 1901. Dr. John C. Landenberger interned at St. Mark's Hospital. Seems likely he met Mary there. <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset?assetID=3ce4dda1-d1a2-4e83-b0e2-fa6006319c17> says she was born in Virginia and came to Utah in 1903. Husband became chief of staff of the LDS hospital. He was a surgeon at St. Mark's. They were Episcopalians and he belonged to the Alta Club

- 1904 Provo City Directory, nurse at General Hospital (p. 135)

- Obit. "a prominent Salt Lake clubwoman"

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/11166997/?terms=Landenberger>

-- 1904 **Louisa Bertha Muhlestein**

familysearch.org ID: KWCV-M6Z

b. 15 Sep 1875 in Provo

d. 24 Mar 1949 Provo

m. 5 Jun 1907 Manti James Reese Hooks

- June 1903--Received her nursing diploma from the Latter-day Saints' Relief Society Nurse's Corps. ("73 Nurses Receive Their Diplomas," *Salt Lake Telegram*, June 25, 1903, p. 3.)

- 1904 Provo City Directory, nurse at General Hospital (p. 137)

- **July 1905. Panama Canal building starts**

1. • **1904-Jun 1906 Harriet Virginia Bean**

familysearch.org ID: KWCC-BR7

b. 1 Nov 1882 Provo, Utah

d. 3 May 1966 Ogden, Weber Co., Utah

m. 20 Mar 1919 Joseph Hyrum Rudd

3 children

Father: James William Bean

Mother: Olive Smoot



From Bindy B, kb6ujr@arrl.net



- 1904 Provo City Directory, listed as a nurse at General Hospital. Boarding at 111 E. 5<sup>th</sup> North [before Center Bldg. bought, which housed the nurses] (p. 57)

- 1906 Provo City Directory, listed as a nurse at General Hospital. Boarding at 111 E. 5<sup>th</sup> North (p. 48)

- Jun 1906 Graduated: “Virginia Bean and Amy Burles have completed a course in nursing at the Provo General hospital and were awarded certificates of graduation last evening.” *Salt Lake Tribune* Jun 6, 1906, p. 8

- Jun 1906. First graduates from Provo General Hospital: “Interesting graduation exercises were held last evening at the residence of Dr. J. W. Aird, the occasion being the graduation of Miss Virginia Bean and Miss Amy Burles as trained nurses, following a **two years’ course** of study at the Provo general hospital. There were many friends of the young ladies present and following the graduation address, delivered by Prof. Henry

M. Aird, and the presentation of diplomas by the hospital authorities, a pleasing program of music, song, and readings was enjoyed. Miss Bean and Miss Burles are the first graduates from the hospital.” *Deseret Evening News* (Salt Lake City, Utah), Jun 5, 1906, 3

- Dec 1917 WWI: “Miss Virginia Bean, formerly a nurse in Provo general hospital and a native of Utah, a postgraduate in massage and orthopedic treatment, has received a special appointment from the National Red Cross official in Washington to take charge of a corps of trained masseuses for service in the reconstruction hospitals of France. Miss Ella Wicklund, executive secretary, said last night that Miss Bean was thoroughly competent and would be a credit to the service.” “Speakers to Outline Work of Red Cross,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Dec 6, 1917, 16

- Mar 1918 WWI: “Miss Virginia Bean, a Red Cross nurse and registered masseuse of Salt Lake, who has offered her services, has been assigned to duty to the One Hundred Fourteenth base hospital in France and is now waiting for definite instructions to proceed to New York to sail.” “Red Cross News and Notes,” *Salt Lake Herald*, Mar 3, 1918, 19

- March 1919: Marriage: “Pre-War Romance Culminates at Altar. Former Army Nurse Is Bride of St. Anthony Rancher. The familiar story of the bemedaled Boche killer returning from France to wed the sweetheart of ‘before the war’ had a reversal of sex, if not of form, yesterday, when Miss Virginia Bean, lately United States army nurse of base hospital unit No. 14 and veteran of Chateau Thierry and other campaigns, became the bride of J. H. Rudd, ranchman, of St. Anthony, Idaho.

“Mr. and Mrs. Rudd were married yesterday noon at the temple as a culmination of a courtship of years that the war had interrupted for many months while the lady of the present partnership was caring for the heroes of Chateau Thierry and other bloody field of France. Mrs. Rudd was first with the base hospital unit, and then, when the Germans were coming toward Paris, was transferred to a field hospital about three miles behind the foremost lines. She would attempt no description of the bravery of the wounded Americans, for, she said, their fortitude and courage were beyond description.

“Mrs. Rudd was a trained nurse before the war and had been in Salt Lake for two years before going to Teton, Idaho, where she had continued the practice of her profession and where she met Mr. Rudd. The couple are spending their honeymoon in Salt Lake and will be here for several days. They are at the New Grand hotel.” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Mar 21, 1919, 20.

- Bio: “HARRIET VIRGINIA BEAN, daughter of James William Bean and Olive Smoot, was born 1 Nov., 1882, Provo, Utah Co., Utah’. She married at Salt Lake City, 20 March, 1919, Joseph Hyrum Rudd. He was born 22 July, 1885, Parker, Fremont Co., Idaho, the son of Joseph S. Rudd and Vilate Lucas.

After a schooling at the Brigham Young Academy she graduated as a nurse at the Provo General Hospital, and practiced in both Utah and Idaho for several years. At Battle Creek, Michigan, she specialized in massage and hydrotherapy, and was with Drs. Allen and Middleton in Salt Lake City. She enlisted as a Red Cross Nurse during the World War, and was overseas for five months, where she was in active service in some of the big offensives of the American Army. After her marriage she lived on a farm and reared

her children. More recently she has given community service as a nurse and has conducted classes for the Red Cross. She has also been active in Church work.” *Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine*, vol. 28, 1937, 58.

(Same wording as obituary: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=65914509>)

- 1966 Obituary: “She was a registered nurse and had received her training at Provo General Hospital. She was a specialist in physio-therapy in Battlecreek, Mich. She was a veteran of World War I, serving in the Army Nurse Corps in France.” *Ogden Standard-Examiner* May 3, 1966

- Mrs. Harriet Virginia Bean Rudd, 83, of Clearfield, died this morning of natural causes in an Ogden rest home. Mrs. Rudd was born Nov. 1, 1882, in Provo, a daughter of James William and Olive Smoot Bean. On March 19, 1919, she was married to Joseph H. Rudd in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He died Jan. 13, 1959. Harriet had resided in Provo, in Salt Lake City for 35 years, St. Anthony, Idaho, 25 years, Ogden four years, and Clearfield for the past 19 years. She was a registered nurse and had received her training at Provo General Hospital. She was a specialist in physio-therapy in Battle Creek, Mich. She was a veteran of World War I, serving in the Army Nurse Corps in France. She was a member of the American Legion and honorary member of American Legion Auxiliary in Clearfield. She was a member of the Clearfield LDS Sixth Ward. Surviving are two sons, Joseph H. Rudd, Portland, Ore.; Dean S. Rudd, Junction City, Ore.; one daughter, Mrs. E. O. (Vilate) Allen, Ogden, nine grandchildren, three brothers, Seth Bean, Twin Falls, Idaho; Ross Bean, Grand Rapids, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. T. E. (Azua) Greer, San Gabriel, Calif.; Mrs. Orea Tanner, Provo; Mrs. Diana Thatcher, Ogden; Mrs. Clarence (Ruth) Siddoway, Teton, Idaho. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Lindquist and Sons Colonial Chapel with Bishop Theodore F Glauser of the Clearfield sixth Ward officiating. Friends may call at the mortuary Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday prior to services. Burial in Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch. [Obit from where? On family search attached to photo of cemetery]

**2. • 1904-Jun 1906 Amy Elizabeth Burles**

familysearch.org ID: 2ZSD-R1Q

b. 23 Apr 1878 in Surry, England

immigrated: arrived 8 May 1904

d. 15 Jan 1956 Los Angeles, CA

m. 8 May 1914 Harvey Cleaves (1872- ) in Phoenix, AZ

Twins died. One child lived to adulthood



From Amy Jewell, [ajewell106@aol.com](mailto:ajewell106@aol.com)

- May 8, 1904. Arrived in New York “trained nurse” on manifest. Final destination, Provo, Utah, to her brother G. Burles. New York, Passenger Lists, 1904, Microfilm 1904, serial 15, roll T715\_455, line 14.
- June 1906 nurses graduation: “Interesting graduation exercises were held last evening at the residence of Dr. J. W. Aird, the occasion being the graduation of Miss Virginia Bean and Miss Amy Burles as trained nurses, following a **two years’ course** of study at the Provo general hospital. There were many friends of the young ladies present and following the graduation address, delivered by Prof. Henry M. Aird, and the presentation of diplomas by the hospital authorities, a pleasing program of music, song, and readings was enjoyed. Miss Bean and Miss Burles are the first graduates from the hospital.” *Deseret Evening News (Salt Lake City, Utah)*, Jun 5, 1906, p. 3.
- June 1906 nurses graduation: “Virginia Bean and Amy Burles have completed a course in nursing at the Provo General hospital and were awarded certificates of graduation last evening.” *Salt Lake Tribune* Jun 6, 1906, p. 8.
- 1906 Provo City Directory, listed as a nurse at General Hospital (p. 62)
- 1910 Census: Home in Los Angeles. Occupation: Nurse
- 1920 & 1930 Censuses: Occupation: none

### 3. • 1905-1907 Fern Foote

familysearch.org ID: KWC6-D7W

b. 16 Jun 1885 Provo

d. 2 Sept 1962 Provo

m. 20 Apr 1912 Milton Howard Thomas, 1885-1954, b. Homansville, Utah Co.

Six children



Photo from Michelle Elaine Porter

MAUDE: I was going to say, Venice, she was Dr. Aird's favorite.

ALICE: He wrote her a letter.

MAUDE: He was—what do you call it—a man that operates?

VENICE: A surgeon.

MAUDE: A surgeon. He always took Fern if she was available. She was tops; he'd call on her. She was tops and she was. There wasn't a better nurse. She had some great experiences while she was in the hospital. . . .

MAUDE: A man came there to have his leg amputated. His name was Sid Silverman [Samuel Silverman]. He was a Jew and he fell in love with Fern. He was there quite a while and he was going to have Fern and she didn't want him.

VENICE: I thought you were going to talk about the time when that patient—he was a drug addict and wanted some drugs. Of course, Fern was on duty; they usually have two on duty at night and, of course, she couldn't give it to him and so he chased her and she ran upstairs. There was a room up there that Kimo [probably Henry Como/Comeau] stayed; he was an orderly there. So she ran up to him and he went "woo, woo, woo" and shook his fists at the man and he went away. So, I guess he saved Fern from that dope fiend, drug addict. She had a keen sense of humor.

(Craig Thomas and Maury Thomas, "The History of Fern Foote Thomas," Interview with Maude Foote Craddock, Alice Foote Schulthess, Venice Foote Anderson, and Mark Foote, transcribed by Joan Thomas, about 1975, typescript in the possession of Sheree Thomas Wilkinson, Payson, Utah).

- 1910 Census. In Shelley, Bingham Co., Idaho. Lodger. Occupation: Nurse, in a hospital, earning wages
- 1962 Obit. No mention of nursing. "Fern F. Thomas," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Sep 4, 1962, 26

#### 4. • 1905-1907 Lillian Estell Johnson

familysearch.org ID: KW84-1FH

b. 22 Nov 1884 Merriman, Cherry Co., Nebraska

d. 8 Sep 1968 Provo

m. 19 May 1909 Thomas Alma Boyden

Five children lived to adulthood



From Wendy Wright wendylmwright@gmail.com

- 1907: “Completed nurses training in Provo General Hospital in 1907.” “Open House Sunday to Honor Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Boyden,” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)* Jun 26, 1959, p. 7.
- 1910 Census. Listed with husband. Occupation: Trained nurse, private family.
- 1920 & 1930 Censuses. Occupation: none
- Jun 1959. Golden Wedding Anniversary. “Mrs. Boyden was born Nov. 22, 1884 in Merriman, Neb., to John Martin and Penelope Ellen Inscore Johnson. She lived in Fairview and Ogden, Utah, coming to Provo at the age of 15 years. She attended the Proctor Academy and completed nurses training in Provo General Hospital in 1907.” “Open House Sunday To Honor Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Boyden,” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Jun 26, 1959, 7.
- Sep 11 1968 Obit. “Graduate nurse, Provo.” LDS. “Lillian J. Boyden,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Sep 11, 1968, 42.

• **Apr 18, 1906. San Francisco earthquake**

**5. • 1905-1907 Alice Elizabeth Sumner – older sister of Ethel Sumner**

familysearch.org ID: KWJJ-LQH

b. Feb 1, 1883 or 1884 (burial record), Provo, Utah

d. Sept 20, 1967, Ventura, Ventura, Calif. (buried in Provo)

m. Jan 2, 1918 to Peter Aver Johnson (b. 1888, Utah) (parents from Norway) 1 child, b. c. 1927.

m. Dec 20, 1937 [maybe 1927 as by 1930 census living with Stanley] Stanley S. Johnson (b. 1879, Wisconsin, d. 1966)

Father: Thomas Sumner Jr. (1858-1912) b. England, came to Utah in 1877

Mother: Alice Elizabeth Clayton (1851-1899) b. England



From ruels92,  
familysearch.org ID: KWJJ-LQH

- 1904 Provo City Directory listed as Sumner, Alice, weaver Provo Woolen Mills, boards 612 N 4<sup>th</sup> East [also Mrs. Alice Sumner, moved to American Fork]
- Named as one of the nurses on the remodeled 1906 hospital photo of poor resolution.
- 1910 Census: Alice Sumner, nurse in private house, age 27, with her father in Provo
- 1915 Provo City Directory listed as nurse at 612 N 4<sup>th</sup> East (p. 141)
- 1917 Provo City Directory listed as nurse at 612 N 4<sup>th</sup> East (p. 137)
- 1918 Utah County Marriages shows Alice E. married Peter A. Johnson on Jan. 2, 1918
- January 1918. "Peter A. Johnson, Salt Lake, and Alice E. Sumner, Provo." "Marriage Licenses," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Jan 3, 1918, p. 11
- 1920 Census, living with Peter A. Johnson in Bremerton, WA. Machinist in the Navy Yard. Occupation: none
- City Directory for Santa Barbara 1929. Listed with wife Alice
- 1930 Census, living with Stanley Johnson in Santa Barbara. Daughter 3 yrs old. Occupation: none.
- 1940 Census, living with Stanley in Ventura, Calif., with daughter 13. Occupation: [blank]
- 1946 Ventura City Directory. Johnson, Stanley C. (Alice S), fireman, home 359 San Clemente, Ventura.
- September 1967. Obit: "Mrs. Alice S. Johnson, 83, died Sept. 20, at Ventura, Calif., hospital of causes incident to age. She was born Feb. 1, 1884, in Provo. She has resided in California most of her life. She is survived by one daughter and two granddaughters, one sister, Mrs. Ethel Mecham of Wallsburg, and the following half-brothers and sister: Harold B. Sumner of Orem; Mrs. Homer Bandle of Richfield; Mrs. Carl Henrichsen of Glendale, Calif. Funeral services will be held in California and burial will be in Provo City

Cemetery under direction of Berg Mortuary.” “Alice S. Johnson: Half-sister of Orem Man Dies on Coast,” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Sep 21, 1967, p. 4.



Provo General Hospital, c. Oct 1905. Left to right on porch: Fern Foote, Dr. Fred W. Taylor, Alice Sumner. On steps: Dr. George E. Robison, Lillian Johnson in front of him, nurse matron Zina Johnson on steps to the right. Above and to the right of Dr. Robison, Virginia Bean. On ground: Dr. John W. Aird, Amy Burles. Photo by Fred W. Taylor, courtesy of Mark Marshall.



Back row, left to right: Lillian Johnson, Amy Burles, Zina M. Johnson, matron, and Virginia Bean. Front row: Alice Sumner and Fern Foote. Amy and Virginia were then second-year students as shown by the black ribbon on their caps. Photos from Sheree Thomas Wilkinson.

• Hospital remodeled Spring 1906:



Remodeled Provo General Hospital, Spring 1906. Dr. Fred W. Taylor noted on a paper attached to the photo that the nurses were Zina Johnson, Virginia Bean, Amy Burles, Alice Sumner, Lillian Johnson, and Fern Foote, but the poor resolution of the photo makes it impossible to tell who is who. Photo by Frederick Whitaker Taylor, courtesy of Mark Marshall.

6. • 1908- Feb 1910 Etta Margaret Reed

familysearch.org ID: KWVM-FRK  
b. 8 Dec 1889 Sanford, Conejos, Colorado  
d. 27 Jul 1974 Alamosa, Alamosa, Colorado

m. 15 Dec 1914 Erastus Snow Pursley in Sanford, Colorado  
One adopted child



From [susiefluckiger@gmail.com](mailto:susiefluckiger@gmail.com)

- Feb 1910: “Miss Etta Reed of Sanford, Colo., after a thorough course of study and practice at the Provo general hospital, has graduated with high honors as a trained nurse. Miss Reed intends to remain in Provo and engage in the work of her profession.” “Provo Brevities,” *Salt Lake Herald-Republican*, Feb 17, 1910, p. 6.
- 1910 Census: Living as a boarder. Occupation: Trained nurse, private family
- 1920 Census: Occupation: none, in Colorado
- 1930 Census: Occupation: nurse, private hospital in Colorado

**7. • Aug 1908- Sep 1910 Eliza Bean**

familysearch.org ID: KW CZ-5C4  
b. Apr 5, 1887, Pudsey, Yorkshire, England (Converted to LDS in England)  
d. Dec 26 1979, Orem, Utah

m. 1926 to John Newham Moore (1877-1944), in Salt Lake City  
4 children, 4 stepchildren?

Father: Isaac Bean  
Mother: Hannah Illingworth [Ellinsworth]



From [carol.mayhew@yahoo.com](mailto:carol.mayhew@yahoo.com)

- 1904: Provo City Directory, Eliza Bean listed as a weaver in Provo Woolen Mills. She and her brother Ben were boarders at 316 East Center St. (p. 56).  
[She left when the mill closed]
- 1908-1910. Mary Bean, Eliza Bean's older sister, worked at the hospital as a cook until June 1910 when she married Samuel Edward Ingram of Nephi. (Isaac Bean & Hannah Illingworth and family emigrated to America May 1900.)  
Contributed By PD Gillespie (patleeann@comcast.net) · 18 November 2015) From familysearch.org under Eliza Bean (KWCZ-5C4)
- Sept 1910, graduated: "Miss Eliza Bean and Miss Irene Whitney have graduated from the Provo general hospital as trained nurses. They will practice their profession in the city." (*Deseret Evening News*, Sep 5, 1910, p. 3.)
- Apr 1910 In Portland, Oregon, working as a housemaid for the Alexander Nibley family. Hugh W. Nibley was less than a year old.
- 1911, Provo City Directory, listed as Bean, Eliza, Trained Nurse, Graduate Provo General Hospital (p. 50)
- 1913 Provo City Directory, listed as Bean, Eliza, nurse, 441 E 7<sup>th</sup> North, business same (p. 133)
- Oct 1914: "Miss Eliza Bean, sister of Jas [Jos] A. and Ben Bean, returned to her home in Provo after a several weeks' visit in Price." (*Eastern Utah Advocate*, Oct. 1, 1914, p. 5.)
- 1915 Provo City Directory, listed as Bean, Eliza, nurse, 441 E. 7<sup>th</sup> North, business same (p. 31)
- 1917 Provo City Directory, nurse, [not at the hospital] residing at 441 E. 7<sup>th</sup> North (pp. 24, 250)  
--Mother Hannah Ellingsworth is listed as a maid at the hospital, living at 26 East 2<sup>nd</sup> South [across the street on 2<sup>nd</sup> South, I think], with husband a fireman, and two girls as spinners
- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file.

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates

- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at same address (p. 23)
- 1922 [1921] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital with rooms at 65 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 26)
- 1926 Provo City Directory, nurse at Aird Hospital, rooms at 112 E. Center (p. 27)
- Apr 1936. Nurses of the Utah State Nurses Association, District 3, met in Midway. Mrs. Eliza Moore was among several PGH nurses attending. See News clippings—nurses file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr 27, 1936, 8.
- 1953. Provo City Directory. Moore, Eliza B. (wid John N) nurse Utah Valley Hospital. Page )p. 244)

[Joseph Bean, Eliza’s great uncle, had converted to LDS in England and had emigrated to Utah. “In 1891 his son Joshua B. Bean returned to England as a missionary .... In 1892 the Isaac and Hannah Bean family joined the church.” They emigrated in 1900.]

“Her sister Mary was offered a job at the hospital as cook but for some reason was unable to begin immediately, so Aunt Eliza took her place and cooked at the hospital for a few months. When Mary was able to take over the job in August of 1908, Aunt Eliza entered the Provo General Hospital to take nurses training. The work was hard and the hours long. She started at 7 AM and worked until 7 PM with two hours off in the afternoon for a rest. She graduated from training Sept. 1, 1910. After her graduation she did private duty nursing. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company hired her as a visiting nurse. This lasted eleven months. She then went back to private nursing which took her to Salt Lake City. In 1923 she returned to Provo working at the Aird Hospital as a general duty nurse.

“In 1926, at the age of 39, Eliza married John Newham Moore. Uncle John had four children, three boys and a girl. They became very dear to her and she never missed an opportunity to let us know where they were and what they were doing. She respected their opinions and their families. Uncle John worked for the state road at the time of their marriage. Aunt Eliza continued working at the Aird Hospital on regular duty and on special cases for Dr. Aird.

“When the depression came, Uncle John lost his job with the state road and the only other employment he could find at the time was for Utah County. At [that] time the county would not hire anyone who had another member of the family working, because so many people were out of work. Aunt Eliza’s work at the hospital had become intermittent so she gave it up in favor of steady work for Uncle John. She was able to take Dr. Aird’s special cases and a few private cases of nursing as this was not considered steady employment and did not interfere with Uncle John’s work. Uncle John died in January of 1944.

“Aunt Eliza returned to work in 1945. The Utah Valley hospital hired her as a surgical nurse and later as the surgical supply nurse. She worked for nine years on the three to

eleven shift. She was then sixty seven years of age and not able to work full strenuous shifts so she retired and lived in her home on sixth east in Provo until her health would not permit her to be alone. She retired to a rest home in Orem, Utah, for her remaining years.”

“Isaac Bean & Hannah Illingworth and family emigrated to America May 1900.”  
Contributed By PD Gillespie (patleean@comcast.net) From familysearch.org

**8. • 1908-Sep 1910 Irene Burton Whitney**

familysearch.org ID: KW83-2FK

b. 9 Feb 1884 Huntington, Emery Co., Utah

d. 4 Dec 1967 Alamosa, Colorado

m. 2 Jul 1911 to Joseph Phillips McIntire in Iron Co., Utah (divorced 1913) (He died 1929)  
Two children

Father: Ira Blanchard Whitney (1856-1915)

Mother: Julia Maria Burton (1860-1928)



About 1893. From Marilee Cornum  
Vannoy, [mvannoy57@gmail.com](mailto:mvannoy57@gmail.com)

- 1910 Census: Listed as Irine Whitney, age 24, nurse, living at the hospital
- Sept 1910: “Miss Eliza Bean and Miss Irene Whitney have graduated from the Provo general hospital as trained nurses. They will practice their profession in the city.” (*Deseret Evening News*, Sep 5, 1910, p. 3.)
- 1911, Provo City Directory listed as nurse at PGH (p. 220)
- 1920 Census. “Irene W. McIntire,” living in Roosevelt, Duchesne, Utah, head of household, widowed, nurse in a hospital, two young children
- 1930 Census. “Irene W. McIntire” living in Sanford, Conejos, Colorado, nurse in a “private nursery,” two teenagers
- 1940 Census. “Irene McIntire” living in Sanford, Conejos, Colorado. Widowed head of family. Worked 5 weeks in 1939.

- **May-Jun 1909—Zina travels east.** [only three nurses in training—probably manageable by the doctors. She is learning how to set up the program.]

May 1909, trip East: “Dr. Fred W. Taylor, accompanied by his wife and Miss Zina Johnson, matron of the Provo General hospital, left for a trip through the east yesterday [May 2]. Dr. Taylor and Miss Johnson will visit hospitals in Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other cities and Dr. Taylor will attend the American Medical association in Atlantic City, June 8 to 10.” “Provo News Notes,” [May 3], *Salt Lake Tribune*, May 4, 1909, p. 7.

June 1909, trip to the East: “Provo News Notes. Provo, June 22,--Dr. Fred W. Taylor and Miss Zina Johnson, head nurse at the Provo general hospital, have returned from an extended trip through the East. While away Dr. Taylor and Miss Johnson visited many hospitals and other places of interest and report having had a very instructive and pleasant trip.” *Salt Lake Telegram*, June 22, 1909, p. 8.

- **Jan 1910. Utah Sorosis lecture at Provo General:**

“The Utah Sorosis enjoyed a most pleasant and profitable afternoon at the Provo general hospital Wednesday afternoon. A very able and interesting lecture on the X-rays with various illustrations was greatly enjoyed by all members and a few invited guests, after which Mrs. Taylor, assisted by the nurses, served an elaborate luncheon. The club will meet next week with their president, Mrs. Jacob Evans.” “Provo,” *Deseret Evening News*, Jan 15, 1910, 19.

- **Mar 1910. Center Building acquired.**

-- Address: 65 East 200 South. Doctor’s offices on main floor, nurses’ rooms above.

--“Provo, March 17.—The Provo general hospital has purchased the Smoot property to the west of the hospital ground.” (“Provo Brevities,” *Salt Lake Herald-Republican*, Mar 18, 1910, p. 6.)

-- “Hospital Expanding. Special to the Tribune. Provo, March 17 [1910].—The Provo General hospital has purchased the old Smoot residence and ground adjoining the hospital on the west. The building is now being remodeled and put in shape for hospital use.” (“Hospital Expanding,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Mar 18, 1910, p. 11.)

- **Apr 1910 Federal Census, Provo General Hospital:**

-- Zina Johnson, head nurse, age 26, single, born Utah  
-- Irine Whitney, nurse, age 24, single, born Utah  
-- Caroline Bayles, nurse, age 22, single, born Utah  
-- Henry Komo, patient [maybe orderly?], age 30, born Utah  
[Etta Reed had graduated in February 1910]

[Eliza Bean should have been here too—can't find her in census]

- **Jul 1910. Nurses chaperoned in car:** “Some of the nurses of the Provo general hospital, chaperoned by Miss Johnson, the head nurse, enjoyed a pleasant automobile ride to Geneva [about 9 miles away in Orem] on Fraternal day.” “Provo,” *Salt Lake Tribune* Jul 31, 1910, p. 18. [Fraternal Day was a holiday in the summer to celebrate fraternal orders, which was a way most men obtained life insurance for their families. In 1918 there were 21 authorized-to-do-business fraternal orders in Utah. “The Fraternal Monitor,” Feb 1918, pp. 14-15.] [4 students & Zina—probably one of the doctor’s cars].



Graduation September 1910. Doctors are the original partners who incorporated the hospital: Fred W. Taylor, George E. Robison, and John W. Aird. The nurses are Irene Whitney (seated left), Eliza Bean (seated right), both of whom have just received their nursing pins at graduation., Matron Zina Johnson (seated center), Carol Bayles (standing left) and Fredonia Holdaway (standing right). Photo from Provo City Library

**9. • Sep 1910-1912 Caroline (Carol) Elizabeth Bayles**

familysearch.org ID: KWZ2-V7Z

b. 31 Jan 1888 Bluff, San Juan Co., Utah

d. 20 May 1963 Salt Lake City

m. 6 Oct 1917 Francis Frederick Raile, Farmington, Davis Co., Utah

2 children

Father: Hanson Bayles

Mother: Mary Ann Durham



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From Grant Arthur Hurst,  
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- 1910 Census, living in Grayson, San Juan Co., Utah, with parents. Occupation: nurse. Wage earner. But not working in 1909; attending school.
- 1911 Provo City Directory, listed as “Baylis, Caroline, nurse, Provo Gen. Hospital” (p. 50)
- 1915 Provo City Directory, not listed
- 1917 Provo City Directory listed as Bayles, Caroline, asst. supt. Nurses, Provo Gen Hosp., rooms 33 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 24)
- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file.  
*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- 1919 Established Provo’s first public health clinic (from obit, below)
- 1920 Census: Living with husband and 1-year-old daughter. Occupation: none

- 1930 Census. Living with husband in Provo and 2 children, 9 and 11. Occupation: none
- Oct 1934 “Elected Head of Nurse Unit. Provo Woman Elected leader of New District Four Organization. Provo—**Mrs. Caroline B. Raile**, Provo, was elected president of district 4, Utah State Nurses’ association, at the first organization of the district Saturday night in the city and county building. Approximately 35 registered nurses of the district, which includes several central and southern Utah counties, attended. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Telegram*, Oct. 22, 1934, p. 7.
- Apr 1935. “Nurses to Meet At Springville. Nurses from ten counties will gather in Provo and Springville Saturday to attend the District No. 3 Utah State Nurses association luncheon and meeting. **Mrs. Carol B. Raile**, president, is general chairman of the even. . . .The counties included in District 3 include: Utah, Wasatch, Millard, Beaver, Iron, Washington, Sevier, Piute, Sanpete and Juab.” *Daily Herald (Provo)*, Apr 25, 1935, p. 2.
- May 1935 “Continuations of the school and pre-school medical service, through which there have been 1,074 inoculations, 936 examinations and 274 vaccinations, was announced Saturday by **Mrs. Caroline B. Raile**, school nurse, who has been in charge of the work. . . .” “School Medical Program Goes On,” *Daily Herald (Provo)*, May 13, 1935, p.3.
- Jun 1935 “Inoculation for diphtheria and vaccination for smallpox will be conducted for pre-school children at the Central building Thursday morning, beginning at 9, it was announced today. All pre-school children, especially those entering school next autumn, and any school children issued in the first drive, are asked to be present. The program is under direction of Dr. C. M. Smith, city physician, and **Mrs. Caroline B. Raile**, school nurse.” “Vaccination of Children Thursday,” *Daily Herald (Provo)*, Jun 4, 1935, p. 5.
- Jun 30, 1935 “Provo Nurses to Attend Convention.” Five Provo nurses will attend a National Public Health convention at Helena, Montana, including **Mrs. Caroline B. Raile**, Provo school nurse. See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo)*, Jun 30, 1935, p. 1.
- Nov 1935. “Nurses Meet to Elect Officers.” **Mrs. Carol B. Raile**, Provo, president of the local district organization of the Utah State Nurses association was in charge of the meeting held in the Women’s club house. “The nurses plan a campaign to provide more employment for graduate nurses and better working conditions.” See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Nov 3, 1935, 8.
- Apr 1936. Utah State Nurses association, District No. 3 (which includes Utah, Wasatch, Sanpete, Juab and Millard counties), met in Midway, with the president, **Mrs. Carol B. Raile**, Provo city and school nurse, in charge. She will also attend the national convention to be held in Los Angeles, June 16, 27 and 28 as a delegate from Utah. See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr 27, 1936, 8.
- Oct 1936. “City Free From Bad Contagion. ...One-hundred-thirty inoculations for typhoid fever were made through the joint work of the city and state boards of health,

the county medical society and **Mrs. Alice Syme** and **Mrs. Carol B. Railes**, nurses.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Oct 9, 1936, 4.

- Feb 1937. “Needy Children to Get Dental Care.” Twelve Provo dentists will cooperate in the work. “School nurses Mrs. Frances **Raile** and Mrs. Alice **Syme** will have the children ready so that the work can be conducted without loss of the dentist’s time.” See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Feb 18, 1937, 8.
- Jan 1938. “Health Office Is Opened Here....The six nurses in Utah county, the two in Duchesne, and the two in Uintah county that will work under the supervision of Miss McQuillan will be in their own offices as set up previously. **Mrs. Carol B. Raile** and **Mrs. Alice C. Syme** are the Provo nurses.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Jan. 4, 1938, 4.
- Apr 1938. “Mayor Names Child Aid Committee. Medical Aid To Be Put On More Secure Finance Basis. Names of nine Provoans who will be invited to serve on the Child Welfare committee of the Citizens’ council by city commissioners were announced Tuesday by Mayor Mark Anderson.  
“They are: Dr. W. Woolf, **Mrs. Alice c. Syme**, Mrs. C. A. Larsen, Mrs. Thelma Weight, **Mrs. Carol B. Railes**, Dr. Charles M. Smith, Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, Dr. Frank T. Reynolds, and Coleman Allred. The group [sic] will select its own chairman.  
“The committee will supervise the Child Welfare fund now held by the city, advice and supervise a child welfare program and conduct research into child needs, the mayor said.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr. 5, 1938, 1.
- May 1938 “Nurse Returns. “**Mrs. Carol B. Raile**, Provo city and school nurse, has returned home from Kansas City, Mo., where she has been attending the national bi-annual nurses’ convention. The Provoan went as a delegate from the Utah State Nurses’ association, and has been away for two weeks.” *Daily Herald (Provo)*, May 5, 1938, p. 3.
- 1940 Census. Living in Provo with husband and 19-year-old son. Working as a public health nurse for the state. Highest grade completed, college, 4<sup>th</sup> year
- 1953. Raile Carol B Mrs Public health nurse, Health Dept. Provo City Directory 1953

Obituary: “Mrs. Raile later studied nursing at Brigham Young University and received her registered nurse’s degree from the old Provo general hospital in 1912. She did graduate work at the University of California, University of Utah, University of Minnesota, and Brigham Young University. She received a degree in public health administration from the University of Oregon.” Established Provo’s first public health clinic in 1919. “She was instrumental in the organization of the Rheumatic Fever Foundation in Utah County and was a charter member of the Utah County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Mrs. Raile served as chairman of the Provo PTA’s health council and of the Women’s Legislative Council health committee. . . . She was state health and safety chairman for the Business and Professional Women’s Association, four terms a member of the Utah State Nurses Association board, and active on the board of the Utah State Tuberculosis Association and Utah State Heart Association.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)* May 21, 1963, p. 4.

**10. • Sep 1910-1912 Fredonia Holdaway**

familysearch.org ID: KWVC-7PS

b. 30 Dec 1890, Aurora, Sevier, Utah

d. 30 Aug 1954 in Cass, Franklin Co., Arkansas

m. Arthur Woodward Glaze, 2 Oct 1914 in Portland, Oregon

5 children

Father: George Timothy Holdaway, (1854-1929)

Mother: Laura Whipple, (1861-1935)



From John Woodward,  
jcwood5@msn.com

- May 1910 Census: Fredenia [sic] Holdaway, b. about 1891 in Utah home: Aurora, Sevier Co., Utah
- 1911 Provo City Directory listed as nurse, Provo General Hospital (p. 117)
- 1913 Provo City Directory listed as nurse, 510 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> North, business same (p. 81)
- 1915 Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at 510 West 2<sup>nd</sup> North, business the same (p. 76)
- 1920 Census. Living with husband in Michigan. Occupation: none
- Mar 1921. In Richfield, Utah. "General Hospital Open Again. The Richfield General Hospital Co. leased their hospital building and equipment to Mr. and **Mrs. A. W. Glaze**, who opened the hospital Tuesday March 1. Dr. Steiner, Dr. Clark, Dr. Gledhill and Dr. Hanks, who are the parties interested in the Hospital Co., gave the new lessees very convenient terms and agreed to act as the medical staff and house physicians. Mrs. Glaze, formerly Miss Holdaway of Aurora, is a trained nurse of good experience, a graduate of the General Hospital of Provo, and Mr. Glaze is reputed to be a good manager. In this way the hospital question is solved for the time being, but solved partly only, and the general public of Sevier County will continue to demand adequate hospital facilities for the whole county in a county hospital." *Richfield Reaper*, Mar 3, 1921, 9.

- Apr 1922. “Richfield Hospital under New Management. Mrs. G. T. Bean took over the lease for the Richfield General Hospital heretofore in possession of Mrs. A. W. Glaze, and the hospital is now entirely under the management of Mrs. Bean. Mrs. And Mrs. Glaze left Richfield to settle in Denver, Colo.  
“Mrs. Bean is herself a trained nurse of high ability and wide experience and has won an enjoyable reputation with professional circles, patients and the general public for her knowledge, faithfulness and kind disposition. There is no doubt that under her able direction the hospital is to become one of the best in the state.” *Richfield Reaper*, Apr 27, 1922, 1.
- 1930 Census. Living with husband and 5 children in Oklahoma City. Occupation: none
- 1940 Census. Living with husband and five children in Oklahoma City. Occupation: [blank]
- Sep 1954 Obit. Moved to Oklahoma City in 1921. Moved to Cass, Ark., in 1947, but maintained house in Oklahoma City. No mention of nursing. “Former Resident of City is Dead. Rites Set Here,” *Oklahoman*, Sept 1, 1954.

• **1910-1911 school year. Four Utah nurse training schools**

Training school	Place	# of students	# of beds	Avg. daily # of patients	Hours of duty	Length of program	Admission requirements
Provo General Hospital	Provo	4	20	8	9	2 yrs	1 yr H.S., 18-30 yrs old
Holy Cross Hospital	SLC	24	150	85	12	3 yrs	8 <sup>th</sup> grade, 18-35 yrs old
Groves’ Latter Day Saints Hospital	SLC	50	103	80	8	3 yrs	8 <sup>th</sup> grade, 19 yrs old
St. Mark’s Hospital	SLC	40	150	100	8 ½	3 yrs	High School, 18-35 yrs old.

Nutting, *Educational Status of Nursing*, 88.

**11. • 1911-1913 Dora S. Sumsion**

familysearch.org ID: KWCV-J7S

b. 20 Nov 1892 Springville, Utah

d. 7 Feb 1983 Salt Lake City

m. 26 May 1917 to Neal Grant Davis

Father: Henry La Cell Sumsion (1868-1856)

Mother: Phoebe Ellen Barlow (1872-1951)



From Darrellyn Bates, [darrellyncb@gmail.com](mailto:darrellyncb@gmail.com)

- 1911, in Polk's Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 203)
- 1913-14, in Polk's Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo Gen. Hosp., business 368 N. 1<sup>st</sup> West (p. 147)
- Apr 1914. Attended the party given at Hotel Roberts to congratulate Anna Dean on her graduation for nursing school. See full article under Anna Dean. *Deseret News*, Apr 4, 1914, 8.
- 1915, in Polk's Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital, with rooms at 65 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 141) [now a registered nurse]
- Sept 1916: "Miss Dora Sumsion is home from Provo spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sumsion." *Mt. Pleasant Pyramid*, Sept 15, 1916, p. 4.
- 1920 & 1930 Censuses: Occupation: none

From: <https://familysearch.org/photos/stories/14602369> (autobiography from sister Clara, b. 1900): "We lived in the little house until I was eleven, then Dad had a large 8 room cement brick house built. It had a large kitchen and bedroom and dining room and parlor downstairs, also a room built for a bathroom but not used for that. We didn't have water or electricity in the house until after I left home. There were 4 good sized bedrooms upstairs; Hilda had a bedroom to herself, Vera and I had a bedroom, and Ina and Susan had a bedroom. Dora was at the Provo General Hospital learning to be a nurse [1911-1913]. . . . When I was 18 years old [1918], I went to Provo General Hospital to take nurses training. I had decided I wanted to be a nurse after Dora went to take the course and Susan was in training there. Dora had graduated and was married."

- **Apr 15, 1912. Titanic sinks**



Nurses fall 1912. Left: Caroline Bayles [Note: she has her pin], Anna Dean, Zina Johnson, Dora Sumsion. Polly Aird Collection, Utah State Historical Society.

**12. • 1912-Mar 1914 Anna Dean**

familysearch.org ID: KWC1-KFZ

b. 26 Jun 1884 England

d. 6 Sep 1960 Mesa, Maricopa Co. Arizona

m. 11 Nov 1914 to Walter Harris Corbett (d. Feb 4, 1917, from cancer of the aorta)

2 children—twins (b. Nov. 15, 1916)

m. 22 Sep 1920 George Franklin Ellsworth Jr.

4 children



Photo from Marianne Ellsworth Loose [mloose79@gmail.com](mailto:mloose79@gmail.com)

In front of the Center Building

Invitation and photo of Hotel Roberts from

<http://mariannesview.blogspot.com/2014/04/time-travel-tuesdaysa-new-country.html>



Hotel Roberts, where her party was. From <http://mariannesview.blogspot.com/2014/04/time-travel-tuesdaysa-new-country.html>

- Jun 1907. Emigrated from England. Liverpool to Boston on the ship *Republic*. Single, came as part of the British LDS Mission. Her family did not come. British Mission Register. Film Number 25694. Book/Volume: 1826-1828. See also [http://mariannesview.blogspot.com/2014/04/time-travel-tuesdaysin-their-own\\_8.html](http://mariannesview.blogspot.com/2014/04/time-travel-tuesdaysin-their-own_8.html)
- 1910 Census. Working as a housemaid for Alexander Nibley and family in Portland, Oregon
- 1910 “I became desirous of learning something besides housework. I went to work as a night attendant in an insane asylum for two years. During the two years, I saved enough money to enter Nurses Training School. After graduation, I practiced nursing until the time of my marriage to Walter H. Corbett.” “Time Travel Tuesdays—A New Country, Nursing School, Sorrow & Joy—Annie Dean Part 3,” *The Little House on the Corner Blog*
- 1911 Provo City Directory, Annie Dean, domestic, 162 E. Center. [Thomas F. Pierpont lived at 160 E. Center](p.82)
- 1913 Provo City Directory. Nurse at Provo General (p.57)
- Apr 1914 “Provo. Tonight at the Hotel Roberts Miss Aletta Halverson is entertaining complimentary to Miss Anna Dean, who has just graduated as nurse from the Provo

General hospital. Extensive preparations have been made and it promises to be one of the leading events in the social circles. Dr. George Robison will act as master of ceremonies. The guest list includes

Dr. and Mrs. Robison,

Dr. and Mrs. Aird,

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor,

Dr. and Mrs. Calder [Daniel, superintendent of Utah State Hospital],

Dr. and Mrs. Merrill,

Dr. and Mrs. Westwood,

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Hughes [Provo doctor],

Dr. and Mrs. [Harvey M.] Vance of Pleasant Grove,

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Hughes of Spanish Fork,

Mrs. [sic] Zina Johnson,

**Miss Dora Sumsion**, who had graduated in 1913

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dixon [banker],

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Daniels [became mayor in 1916],

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buttle [banker, bishop of 1<sup>st</sup> ward],

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bullock [Benjamin H., bishop of Bonneville Ward, president of United Tintic Mines Co.],

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Berg [Henry, Berg and Son Undertaking Parlor],

Mr. and Mrs. T. Pierpont [Thomas, Provo Foundry and Machine Co.],

Mrs. Helen Redford [widow, brother of J. Chester Deal] and

Mr. Chester Deal [manager of Wholesale Grocery Co.].”

“Provo,” *Deseret News* Apr 4, 1914, 8.

- Apr 1914 “Provo, April 11.—At the Hotel Roberts on Saturday evening a banquet was given by Miss Alette Halversen in honor of Miss Annie Dean, who has recently received graduating honors as a trained nurse. Invitations were extended to the nurses, doctors and matron of the Provo General hospital and also to a number of friends. The entertaining rooms were prettily adorned with American Beauty roses. Dr. E. G. [sic] Robison acted as toastmaster and introduced the following speakers, who responded to toasts: “Doctor,” Dr. J. W. Aird; “Patient,” W. D. Roberts [Wm.--owner of Hotel Roberts]; “Nurse,” Miss Alette Halvorsen, “Diet,” Professor A. C. Lund [Anthony, head of BYU music department]; “Necessity of Employing the Trained Nurse,” Dr. Joseph Hughes of Spanish Fork [1911 started a private hospital, the Hughes Memorial Hospital]. Adding to the pleasure of the evening musical selections were rendered by Professor A. C. Lund and W. D. Roberts. Thirty guests participated.” “Provo,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Apr 12, 1914, 37.

- Apr 1914. Aletta Halverson. 45 yrs old. From her obit. Born in 1869 in Bergen, Norway. In 1893 she graduated from the Vicks Private Nursing school. She joined the Mormons and came to Utah in 1898, “arriving in Provo where she practiced nursing. She followed this profession until 1930. She was one of the first practicing nurses in Utah County. On Nov. 14, 1929, she married Peter Erastus Anderson, in the Manti LDS Temple. He died in 1937. She served as superintendent of Hughes Hospital in Spanish Fork and also served as nurse of the old Aird Hospital in Provo.” “Aletta Anderson, Pioneer Nurse, Succumbs at 87,” *Sunday Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Dec 9, 1956, 4.

- 1900 Census. Resident in Salt Lake City. Arrived in US 1898
- 1903 Salt Lake City Directory. Aletta Halverson, nurse
- 1904 Salt Lake City Directory. Aletta Halvorson, nurse
- 1906 Provo City Directory Aleta Halverson. Nurse
- 1910 Census. Provo, Head, Private nurse, own account, owned a home
- 1913 Provo City Directory. Nurse
- 1915 Provo City Directory: Nurse Aletta Halvorsen
  
- Apr 1914. Anthony C. Lund. 43 yrs old. Became leader of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir starting in July 1916. More than 6,000 attended his funeral. “good humor, good nature, good sense...boundless enthusiasm...generosity. Died Feb 25, 1871. Obit. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Jun 17, 1935, 1.
  
- c. 1918. “I moved back to Provo [from Springville where she had stayed with the Boyers, an English family, after her husband died and she was recovering from the birth of twins] and worked as the School Nurse.” She then worked for a family that went on vacation in Long Beach and then in Mesa, Arizona. There she took in private nursing cases. “The Southside District Hospital opened and I worked as a head nurse. I soon quit because I didn’t like the way they ran it. I opened a maternity home and Jetta Pomeroy, another practical nurse, came to help me.” She met her second husband while nursing his wife who then died of a kidney condition. Here autobiography stops. “Time Travel Tuesdays—A New Country, Nursing School, Sorrow & Joy—Annie Dean Part 3,” *The Little House on the Corner Blog*. <http://mariannesview.blogspot.com/2014/04/time-travel-tuesdaysa-new-country.html>
  
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as A.D. Corbett [married name], nurse, 144 W 4<sup>th</sup> South (p. 222)
  
- 1920 & 1930 Censuses: Occupation: none
  
- 1940 Census. Living in Arizona with husband and 5 children. Occupation: [blank]
  
- Sep 1960 Obit. “Mrs. Ellsworth died yesterday in Mesa General Hospital. Born in Flaunden, England, she came to the United States and to Mesa in 1919. A trained nurse, she was the first supervisor of nurses at Mesa Southside District Hospital. She also operated a maternity home here for seven years....” *Arizona Republic (Phoenix, Arizona)*, Sept 7, 1960, 20.

**13. • 1913-1915 Ethel Sumner—sister of Alice Sumner**

familysearch.org ID: KWJZ-Y8K

b. Apr 3, 1890, Provo, Utah

d. 26 Sept 1973, Heber City, Utah

m. William Oscar Mecham (1891-1959), 14 Aug 1915, Salt Lake City  
2 children survived to adulthood (lost two others at birth)

Father: Thomas Sumner, Jr (1858-1912)

Mother: Alice Elizabeth Clayton (1851-1899)



Ethel Sumner?

From Anna Eileen Porter  
(familysearch.org)

- 1910 Census. Living with family including sister Alice in Provo. Occupation: none
- 1913 Provo City Directory listed as Sumner, Ethel, nurse, Provo Gen. Hosp., business 612 N. 4<sup>th</sup> East (p. 147)
- Dec 1914. "Miss Ethel Sumner has returned from Bingham, where she spent a week visiting with friends." "Provo," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Dec 20, 1914, 40.
- 1920 & 1930 Censuses: Occupation: none

**14. • 1913-1915 Maudene (Maude) Anderson**

familysearch.org ID: KWZ5-Y73

b. Jan 25, 1890, Price, Carbon Co., Utah

d. Sept 12, 1981, Ogden, Weber Co.

m. Al Nelson, Sep 1913

m. Edward South in 1920 in Manti Temple. He died 1946

Father: Joseph Anderson (1862-1945)

Mother: Florence Minerva Snow (1868-1937)



From Melinda South,  
[30elinda@monolithic.com](mailto:30elinda@monolithic.com)



From Tami Nelson [nelsoneyes@comcast.net](mailto:nelsoneyes@comcast.net)



Maude Anderson??

- 1915 Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital, with rooms at 65 East 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 28)
- 1920 Census. Living in Bonneville, Idaho Falls, ID, with husband. Occupation: None.
- 1930 Census. Living in Omaha, Neb. with husband. Occupation: none
- 1940 Census. Living in Idaho Falls, ID, with husband. Occupation: [blank]

**15. • 1913-1915 Sarah Catherine Anderson**

familysearch.org ID: KWJ8-FHX

b. Sept 26, 1889, Lake Shore, Utah Co.

d. Jul 13, 1963, Payson, Utah. Buried in Spanish Fork

Father: George Anderson, 1859-1921

Mother: Rosetta Measom, 1861-1919

m. George Anthony Evans, Apr 4, 1917

familysearch.org ID: KWC6-5VK

4 children



Sarah Anderson??

From MargaretPaceHerrickDomm  
Ancestry.com, Edgar Branch Lines



Peggy Ann Evans, [pkevans1223@hotmail.com](mailto:pkevans1223@hotmail.com)

- 1915 Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 29)
- 1920 Census. Living with husband in Salt Lake City. Occupation: None
- 1930 Census. Living with husband in Spanish Fork. He's a farmer. Occupation: None
- Obituary: "Educated in the Lake Shore schools, Mrs. Evans graduated from the Provo Hospital of Nursing in 1915." "Tuesday Rites Set for Woman," *The Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, July 15, 1963, 4.

**16. • 1913-Sep 1915 Catherine Florence Brown (Kate)**

familysearch.org ID: KWZD-BKZ

b. 23 Apr 1900, SLC

d. 28 Oct 1961, Provo

m. William Nathaniel James (1889-1937) on Jul 2, 1924 in SLC  
3 children

Father: Alma James Brown (1865-1949)

Mother: Annie Eliza Thomas (1867-1933)



Catherine (Kate) Brown James.

From Joanne Hopkins, [joannhpkins@comcast.net](mailto:joannhpkins@comcast.net)



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- Sep 1915. Graduated. “A notable and interesting affair of the week was the banquet given under the direction of the nurses of the Provo general hospital in honor of Miss Catherine Brown and Miss Ida Otterbeck, who graduated from that institution as trained nurses. The Rev. Mr. Bulkley and Dr. H. G. Merrill were in attendance and made the presentation of diplomas. The affair was excellent in all details.” “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah—Provo,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Sep 19, 1915, 56.

- 1920 Census. Living with parents in SLC. Occupation: none

- 1930 Census. Living with husband in SLC with 1 child & mother-in-law. Occupation: none

- 1940 Census. Widowed. Living in SLC with 3 children. Occupation: [blank]

- 1961 Obit. No mention of nursing. Familysearch.org

**17. • 1913-Sep 1915 Ida Caroline Otterbach**

familysearch.org ID: KWCR-QV1

b. 5 Sep 1895 Denver, Colorado

d. 30 Oct 1974 Salt Lake City

m. 15 Mar 1917 Richard Clarence Carter (d. 1927)

3 children

m. 4 Feb 1931 Walter Eugene Taylor in Provo (d. 1936)  
1 child



From obituary,

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/6549158/?terms=Ida>

- 1913 Not in Provo City Directory
- 1915 Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital with rooms at 65 East 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 108)
- Feb 1915 “The Misses Mabel Taylor and Ida Otterback of the Provo General hospital, spent Monday at the home of Miss Taylor’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Taylor.” *American Fork Citizen* Feb 20, 1915, p. 8.
- Sep 1915. Graduated. “A notable and interesting affair of the week was the banquet given under the direction of the nurses of the Provo general hospital in honor of Miss Catherine Brown and Miss Ida Otterbeck, who graduated from that institution as trained nurses. The Rev. Mr. Bulkley and Dr. H. G. Merrill were in attendance and made the presentation of diplomas. The affair was excellent in all details.” “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah—Provo,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Sep 19, 1915, 56.
- 1920 Census: Occupation: none. Young son age 1.
- 1930 Census when she was widowed: Occupation: nurse and housewife, in private houses
- 1940 Census when she was widowed again: Occupation: [blank]
- 1974 Obit: “She moved to Provo in 1912 and received nursing education at the Aird Hospital, Provo. She moved to Wendall, Ida., in 1930 and returned to Provo in 1936. She moved again to Wendell in 1944 then returned to Provo in 1945.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)* Nov. 1, 1974, p. 4.

**18. • 1913-1915 Ireta (Irita) Brinton**

familysearch.org ID: KWJX-J9D

Name spelled Irita on her tombstone

b. June 5, 1894, Springville, Utah

d. Nov. 3, 1973, Grace, Caribou Co., Idaho

m. Alexander Lawrence Patell (1890-1978), July 29, 1916, Pocatello, Idaho  
1 child

Father: Soloman Alva Brinton (1862-1937)  
Mother: Harriet Mariah Turner (1865-1898)



From Susan Treadwell, [dstread6@gmail.com](mailto:dstread6@gmail.com)

- 1911 Logan City Directory. Ireta Brinton, student N. J. Academy [New Jersey Academy, Presbyterian in Logan]
  - May 1911. Completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade at New Jersey Academy: Ireta Brinton, Springville. "New Jersey Academy Closes Class Work," *Logan Republican*, May 27, 1911, 1.
  - 1913 Provo City Directory: Brinton, Ireta, nurse, Provo Gen. Hosp. (p.42)
  - 1920 Census: Occupation: none
  - 1930 Census: Occupation: none
  - 1973 Obit: "...Mrs. Patell served on the Bancroft School Board in 1937, was a member of the LDS Church, an avid gardener, and a 4-H leader." "Irita B. Patell," *Idaho State Journal (Pocatello, Idaho)*, Nov. 5, 1973, 2.
- **Dec 1913—partnership expands: Drs. Horace G. Merrill and David Westwood joined the partnership**
- "Buy into Hospital. Special to the Tribune. Provo, Dec. 22.—Dr. H. G. Merrill and Dr. David Westwood have become associated with the Provo General hospital (incorporated), which has been conducted for ten years by Drs. J. W. Aird, George E. Robison and Fred W. Taylor. Drs. Merrill and Westwood each become the owners of a fifth interest." ("Buy into Hospital," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Dec 23, 1913, p. 8.)

-- "Directorate Enlarged. Provo, Dec. 24.—Amended articles of incorporation of the Provo General hospital have been filed with the county clerk. The directors are changed from three to five, and are as follows:

"George E. Robison, president; J. W. Aird, vice president; Frederick W. Taylor, secretary and treasurer; H. G. Merrill and David Westwood.

"The time of the annual stockholders' meeting is changed from the first Monday in July to the first Monday in January." ("Directorate Enlarged," *Ogden Standard*, Dec 25, 1913, p. 9.)

- **Mar 1914, Utah State Nurses' Association organized.** *Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing*, 10:6 (June 1914), 287-88



March 1914 Hospital staff. Doctors, l. to r.: George E. Robison, Horace G. Merrill, Fred W. Taylor, David Westwood, John W. Aird. Nurses: standing left, Ethel Sumner, right, Catherine Brown. Center row: Dora Sumsion, Matron Zina M. Johnson, Anna Dean. Front row: Maude Anderson, Sarah Anderson. Taken in front of Center Building. In immediate background with columns, Holbrook Bldg. Photo by Fred W. Taylor, courtesy of Mark Marshall

- **Dec 1913-Feb 1914. Beginning of Ford's assembly line production of cars in Michigan**
- **June 1914, Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria**
- **July 1914, WWI starts in Europe, Britain declared war on Germany on Aug 4, 1914**

19. • **1914 [?] – 1916 Arminia Allred**  
familysearch.org ID: KWJH-5R7

- b. May 4, 1892 in Spring City, Sanpete Co.
- d. July 25, 1960 in Provo, Utah, of a heart attack

m. Mar 6, 1918 to Henry Mayor Naylor  
No children



From [lhburnside@comcast.net](mailto:lhburnside@comcast.net)

About 1907.

From Howell Steven,  
[showell.sl@comcast.net](mailto:showell.sl@comcast.net)

- 1915 Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 27)
- 1917 Provo City Directory, residing at 446 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> East
- Mar 1918. Married
- 1920 Census. Listed with husband in Silver City, Utah. Occupation: None. Husband the manager of a pool hall.
- Nov 1921. Mrs. H. M. Naylor working as a school nurse at Silver City School in the Tintic School District. "Financial Report of the Tintic School District, July 1921," *Eureka Reporter*, Nov 25, 1921, 6
- 1930 Census. Living in Silver City, UT, with husband working in a grocery store as a salesperson.
- 1960 Death certificate. Lists occupation as "at home, domestic"

**20. • 1914-Jun/Jul 1916 Mabel Grace Taylor**

familysearch.org ID: KW8W-WRY

b. 13 Jan 1897 Ferron, Emery Co., Utah

d. 27 Apr 1976 Santa Clara, California

m. 3 Oct 1917 William Albert Wells  
4 children

- Mar 1914: “Miss Mabel Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Taylor, is at the Provo hospital taking a nursing course.” *American Fork Citizen* Mar 14, 1914, p.8.
- Oct 1914: “Miss Mabel Taylor and two or [of] the nurses of the Provo General hospital, were over Sunday visiting with Miss Taylor’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Taylor.” *American Fork Citizen*, Oct 17, 1914, p. 8
- Jan 1915: “Miss Mabel Taylor of the Provo General hospital, was over to spend a day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Taylor, Wednesday; her father having met with an accident at the Lehi sugar factory. A large iron bar falling on his head and cutting it.” *American Fork Citizen*, Jan 2, 1915, p. 8.
- Feb 1915: “The Misses Mabel Taylor and Ida Otterback of the Provo General hospital, spent Monday at the home of Miss Taylor’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Taylor.” *American Fork Citizen*, Feb 20, 1915, p. 8.
- Jul 1916: “Miss Mabel Taylor, a graduated trained nurse from the Provo General hospital, is here to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Taylor.” *American Fork Citizen*, Jul 15, 1916, p. 3.
- Oct 5, 1917: “Lost—Provo General Hospital badge pin 1916 date. Finder return to Mrs. W.A. Wells. Phone 109. Reward.” *Eureka Reporter*, Oct 5, 1917, 4. Also Oct. 12, 1910, 5.
- 1920 & 1930 Censuses: Occupation: None

**21. • 1914-1916 Nellie Iverson**

familysearch.org ID: KWCT-BQY

b. Jan 31, 1894, Pleasant Grove, Utah Co.

d. Dec 25, 1979, Bountiful, Davis Co.

m. Apr 2, 1926 to Schuyler Silas Smith

No children

Father: Alma Nicholas Iverson (1857-1938)

Mother: Sarah Ann Jane Tuckett (1863-1942)



From ancestry.com,  
Tuckett family tree



Nellie Iverson. 1918.

[conniedgough@gmail.com](mailto:conniedgough@gmail.com)

- Aug 1914 “Miss Nellie Iverson, who has been working at the Provo general hospital, is now home spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Iverson.” *American Fork Citizen* (American Fork, Utah), Aug 1, 1914, p. 7.
  - 1916, in Polk’s Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital, with rooms at 65 East 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 80)
  - 1920 Census: Occupation: Stenographer, telephone company
  - 1930 Census: Occupation: Stenographer in an office
  - 1940 Census: Occupation: Trained nurse, care of sick
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- **May 1915. British passenger ship the Lusitania sunk by a German U-boat**
    - Ship unarmed. 1,000 passengers died, 128 of whom were Americans
  - **Jun 1915. Holbrook Building acquired**
    - Address: 33 and 35 East 200 South. East half used as doctor’s offices on the ground floor with nurses’ rooms above. West half became the maternity ward.
    - Finding it was very desirable to separate surgical and medical cases from maternity cases the two adjoining pieces of property were purchased. The Holbrook building [33 East 200 South] was used exclusively as a maternity home and the building next to the hospital was used for offices on the main floor; the second floor was used to house the nurses.” “New Utah Valley Hospital Brings Memory of Yesteryear: Story of Provo Aird Hospital Tells of Many Services,” Utah Valley News, September 1939, Polly Aird collection.
    - “It was a home originally built by L. H. Holbrook. Since his was a polygamous family, the home was built like two homes under one roof with a corridor down the middle. The home had another owner before Dr. H. G. Merrill bought it and moved his family into one side using the other half for his eye, ear, nose and throat medical office.
      - “At the time, a great lawn spread out from the house to University Ave., and a rather unique carriage house was built in the back. It was fashioned after a European castle and bore that name for years.
      - “By that time [when L. Weston Oaks came to practice medicine in the “castle”] the Merrill home had become the center of a complex which included both buildings to the east of it. On the corner of First East a building that still stands and had been built by Abraham O. Smoot was the hospital. Before it became a residence it was known as the Aird Hospital. The building between the hospital and the Merrill home was another Smoot built structure, converted to a maternity complex.
      - “The maternity complex is long since gone and now so is the Merrill home. All the doctors have either retired or have found space closer to the center of the modern flow of medical life, but in the hearts of many, there will be a lingering thought of a castle,

green lawns and the mecca of medicine in early Provo.” “Razed for Commercial Use, “*Daily Herald (Provo, UT)*, Sept 30, 1969, 5.

-- “...The hospital has the four buildings [counting two in the Holbrook Blds.] and the entire south half of the block, 12 x 24 rods. Of these buildings, the most recently acquired is the Holbrook double compartment buildings, and grounds to the west of the old main hospital proper. In January [sic—December], 1913, Doctors David Westwood and H. G. Merrill joined the firm, and the five doctors have devoted their time and ability to making the hospital a public convenience and necessity.

“The last and largest buildings acquired by the hospital staff has been equipped and furnished for a woman’s hospital and maternity home, and was thrown open for the admission of patients during December [1915]. “Title of Garden City Held by Provo,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Jan 2, 1916, 58.

• Aug 1915. Panama Canal opens

22. • 1915-Nov. 1917 Martha Venice Foote

familysearch.org ID: KWZN-WCG

b. 4 Jun 1896 Provo

d. 4 Mar 1982 Provo

m. 26 Sep 1925 Alma Adolph Anderson (d. June 1947)

2 children



From Michelle Elaine Porter  
Via Edward Wilkinson



From Angela Shepherd  
[angelashepherd27@gmail.com](mailto:angelashepherd27@gmail.com)

• 1914-1917. “We had some great times while I was in training. I remember one occasion when we found an ‘extra’ baby in the nursery. We found out later, to our amazement, Dr. Taylor’s daughter had come and put it in the nursery, knowing it would get excellent care, and she did not intend to be gone very long. [The baby was most likely Vida Finlayson, the daughter of Aimie Richards Taylor Finlayson, who was born in 1916. Aimie was Dr. Taylor’s first child.]

“Another incident was when there were just two nurses on duty, and it was after midnight. The door-bell rang. I went downstairs to answer it, and there stood a great big man in a bathrobe. He wanted to see a doctor. He said he was in pain and had to have some morphine. I was really scared. I called Dr. Taylor and told him the man wanted morphine. He said, “Tell him he can’t have any” and to go away. I was still frightened, not knowing what he would do. But when I told him, he started walking toward me with his fists clenched, then seemed to change his mind, and turned and left. The next day when my father was going to work, he saw the poor guy walking on the railroad tracks. Dr. Taylor was the type that would not put himself out for anything.

“I remember another occasion that involved Dr. Taylor. It was while I was doing private duty nursing. I was engaged by a Mrs. [Anne] Anderson. When she started in labor she called me. I went to her home and got everything prepared for the delivery. Dr. Taylor had been alerted. It was time to call him. I called and told him how close she was. He said he would be over. She got closer and closer. I called him again. He still said he would be there in plenty of time. But he wasn’t. He stayed at home and took his time getting his dinner, and when he came I had delivered the baby and had everything cleaned up. All he did was examine her to see that everything was alright, later sending a bill to the husband for the whole thing. The husband was furious. I don’t know whether he paid or not, but I’ll bet he didn’t. The father was Mark Anderson, and later he became mayor of Provo. [in 1936]”

“Nursing Years Memories from Martha Venice Foote” contributed by Susan O. White to familysearch.org. [The baby must have been Mark Anderson Jr., who was born in 1919.]

- 1917 [1916] Provo City Directory lists her as a nurse at Provo General Hospital but living at 672 East 2<sup>nd</sup> North (p. 57)
- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a party given by Mrs. Robison for graduating nurses. See News clippings—Nurses file. “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 18, 1917, p. 50.
- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. Says she is from Provo. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos

“I graduated from nurses training in November, 1917. After I was through with training, I did private duty nursing in homes in Provo. I worked for most of the Elite of Provo: Reed Smoot’s family, the Hedquists, Jessie Knight’s family, the Pierponts, the Spafford family (the first wife of Bell Spafford’s husband), Mangums, and many others. Later I went to Salt Lake City and stayed with my sister, Maude, and her husband, Edgar. I did private duty nursing in the hospitals.

[1923] “After I had worked in Salt Lake City about a year, Dr. Aird of the Provo General Hospital called me by telephone and asked me if I would come back to Provo and run the hospital for him. The doctors had dissolved the partnership, and he was going to take the hospital over. I thought a great deal of Dr. Aird. He was a wonderful man and nice to work with. I came back. There was one graduate and two undergraduates working with me.

“I stayed for two years and no doubt would have stayed longer, but due to circumstance, my niece, Gale Thomas, Fern’s daughter (age 5) was brought to the

hospital with a ruptured appendix. She had an operation, but due to her condition, she did not pull through. She died the next day. I loved the child very much. In fact, very few days would go by that I didn't make it a point to see her. After Gale's death I felt I could not stay any longer, so I went back to Salt Lake City and did private duty nursing. . . .

"They took her and they diagnosed it as appendicitis, one doctor did. The other doctor said he didn't think it was, she had a sore throat and a fever; however, she really had some of the symptoms of appendicitis. They took her home again, and the next morning they called and said she was in terrific pain, so they brought her down to the hospital, and they operated on her, and her appendix had broken. She had peritonitis. I was there to take care of her, and anytime I went in and took her pulse I knew she wasn't going to last long. I'd go out and cry, and then I'd say to myself, "It is because I am a relative that I feel this way." So I'd kinda get hold of myself, and I'd go back in again and feel her pulse, and my heart would sink to the bottom again, and I'd come out and cry. Well, she only made it a day or two, and she passed away.

"After Gail's death Dr. Aird told me I'd better take a little vacation. It had really been hard on me because I thought so much of Gail, so I went back to Salt Lake City and did private duty nursing."

"Nursing Years Memories from Martha Venice Foote" contributed by Susan O. White to familysearch.org.

- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at 672 E 2<sup>nd</sup> North (pp. 67 and 222)
- 1921 Provo City Directory lists her as a nurse at 672 E 2<sup>nd</sup> North (p. 69)
- 1924 Provo City Directory, Venice N. Foote, nurse, nurse, Aird Hospital, business 672 E 2<sup>nd</sup> North (p. 73)
- 1926 Provo City Directory, Venice M. Foote, nurse 625 E 2<sup>nd</sup> North, business same (p. 70)
- May 1955. Venice is chief nurse at Utah State Hospital. "Electroshock, Insulin, New Drugs Aid Mental Recovery. ... 'What would you do if you had two emergencies at once?' I asked, after he [Dr. C. H. Kivler] had unobtrusively checked a patient from slipping into too deep a coma. 'Mrs. Anderson is my ace in the hole,' he said.  
"Venice Anderson, chief nurse, has seen many advances since she began work at Utah State in 1941. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, May 16, 1955, 7.
- Feb 1956. "Practical Nurses Hold Meeting. Mrs. Jessie Loveland, president, welcomed members to the regular meeting of Licensed practical Nurses, District One. **Mrs. Venice Anderson**, R. M. [sic—R.N.], who was guest speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Flora Maiben. She discussed the progress of patients in the insulin ward for shock treatment where she is in charge. She said that if patients are helped soon enough 75 per cent who are admitted for the treatment recover." *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Feb 2, 1956, 10.
- Mar 1957. Venice described as a "veteran psychiatric nurse." *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Mar 13, 1957, 4.

• Oct 1958. Venice is a supervisor at Utah State Hospital. “Five-State Conference of Nurses To Be Held This Week In Salt Lake. The Fourth Western Council on Higher Education for Nurses will be held this year in Salt Lake City from Oct. 6 through Oct 10 at the University of Utah Alumni Lounge in the Union Building. The WCHEN program is being sponsored by a \$215,450 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The district includes 11 Western states, Alaska and Hawaii, but the area conference this year will include personnel from Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah....Morning and afternoon meetings will be held each day....WCHEN members from Provo will include Mildred Allred, clinical instructor at Brigham Young University; **Mrs. Venice Anderson** and Mrs. Winona Perkins, supervisors at Utah State Hospital; Ellen Nicholes, nursing supervisor at Utah Valley Hospital.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Oct 5, 1958, 15.

“Venice followed the footsteps of her oldest sister, Fern, and became a nurse. That career lasted 48 years. She nursed the sick during the flu epidemic after and during WWI. She later worked at the Utah State Hospital for 19 years and held Supervisory positions there. She was well respected by doctors, nurses and patients alike. It was a wonderful career for her, especially with losing her husband early on.” Memories of Martha Venice Foote on familysearch.org

• **1915-1917. Nurse training at Provo General Hospital**

“It was a **two-year course**. I’ve never been sorry I trained there, as we received very good training. In fact, later I was called to work in all the Salt Lake hospitals and felt I had received as thorough a training as any of the nurses there. . . .

“I went one year to high school then quit to go into nurse training. ...It was a **two year training course**.

“The years I spent in training to be a nurse were very happy ones. There were ten girls training to be nurses. I had one particular friend named Annie Bartholomew [see below]. . . . When Annie and I were about eighteen years old, summer time, we were sitting on our lawn and a little bored. We decided we would talk to our parents about putting our application into the LDS Hospital to go into training. (My sister, Fern, had been a nurse, and I had always thought it was a wonderful profession.) We seldom went to Salt Lake City, transportation being such as it was then, and I [it] seemed like a big adventure to us. But it was soon nipped in the bud as her parents did not approve of her living in Salt Lake City, away from home. So we decided to settle for the “Provo General Hospital” in Provo if we could get in there. The following week we phoned for an appointment with Miss Johnson, the administrator. She gave us an interview, and said she would let us know. Two days later she phoned and said we could start in two weeks. This gave us time to get uniforms made and what affairs we had, if any, to get in order.

“To this day I will never know how I had the courage to enter into this type of work, as I was always so shy and lacked self confidence. But there was one virtue I did have, and that was reliability. When I was asked to do a task, I did it and to the best of my ability. . . .

“I loved the work, although it was rather hard at times, especially the night work. Then we trainees had to start way down the ladder. When a patient left, we had to scrub the room down, walls and floors. Also the furniture had to be washed. They did have a woman who took care of the halls and do everyday cleaning, but they taught us to be meticulously clean. We would work eight hours under good supervision then go to

class for two hours every day but Saturday and Sunday. We would have a half day off on Sunday, sometimes in the a.m. and sometimes in the p.m. The doctors and Miss Johnson were our instructors. They treated us real well. We lived in a nursing home, and we would get our meals in the hospital dining room. We did not have very much supervision at the nursing home. I guess we supervised each other. Miss Johnson had her room in the hospital. Once in a while we would get quite rowdy and noisy. When this happened she would call over and tell us to quiet down. (Alma Dawn's notes: Mother told me of a time they snuck over to the hospital kitchen and made chocolate éclairs. They tried to keep their talking and giggles quiet and were nearly found out. In fact she thinks Miss Johnson did hear them, and scared them into thinking she was coming down so they would hurry and clean up their mess and go to bed.)

"Boys were not allowed in the nursing home. If we had any boy visitors we had to take them over to the hospital and entertain them in the 'waiting room.' This seldom happened as we usually went someplace when we had a date, either a picture show, dance, horseback riding or down to the lake.

"No radios, T.V.'s or cars at this time. Cars were just coming to Provo and then it was just the elite that had them. Dr. Aird had one, and I remember him taking us for a ride over to Springville. What a thrill to ride in one. On the way back, there was a train going to Provo. Dr. Aird told us he bet he could get to Provo first, and he did!" "Nursing Years Memories from Martha Venice Foote" contributed by Susan O. White to familysearch.org.

**23. • 1915-Nov 1917 Anna Bartholomew**

familysearch.org ID: KW6W-XDV

b. 4 Apr 1896 in Fayette, Sanpete Co., Utah

d. May 1982 probably California

m. 17 May 1920 to Frederick Ferdinand Peterson (1886-1952) in Davis Co., Utah  
1 child

Father: Joseph Willis Bartholomew (1872-1925)

Mother: Winona Ella Baker (1868-1939)



*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov. 25, 1917,  
p. 10



Annie Bartholomew??

“Nursing Years Memories from Martha Venice Foote” contributed by Susan O. White to familysearch.org.

“She had lived in Fayette, Utah, and her father was a sheep herder. Her mother was a school teacher. They moved into our neighborhood when we both were in the sixth grade. Her father bought a house across the road and through the block, north from us. We were close friends and remained friends until she married and moved away. The last I heard from her or saw her was during our fifty year anniversary graduating from the eighth grade [1915?]. At this time she was living in Santa Barbara, California. Her husband had passed away, and she had remarried. I have forgotten her husband’s name. When Annie and I were about eighteen years old, summer time, we were sitting on our lawn and a little bored. We decided we would talk to our parents about putting our application into the LDS Hospital to go into training. . . . We seldom went to Salt Lake City, transportation being such as it was then, and I [it] seemed like a big adventure to us. But it was soon nipped in the bud as her parents did not approve of her living in Salt Lake City, away from home. So we decided to settle for the “Provo General Hospital” in Provo if we could get in there. The following week we phoned for an appointment with Miss Johnson, the administrator. She gave us an interview, and said she would let us know. Two days later she phoned and said we could start in two weeks. This gave us time to get uniforms made and what affairs we had, if any, to get in order.”

- 1917 Provo City Directory: listed as a nurse at Provo Gen. Hosp., business at 638 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> North (p. 23)
- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a party given by Mrs. Robison for graduating nurses. See News clippings—Nurses file. “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 18, 1917, p. 50.
- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. Says she is from Provo. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse same address (p. 22)
- 1920 Census: A lodger with a lot of others. Occupation: Nurse in private families
- 1930 Census. Listed with husband and son in O’Neal, San Joaquin Co., CA. Husband a carpenter. Her occupation: none
- 1940 Census. Listed with husband and son Robert, age 18, in O’Neal, San Joaquin Co., CA [near Stockton]. Husband working as a custodian in a public school.

**24. • 1915-Nov 1917-Theta Maud Whitney**

familysearch.org ID: KWZL-PHC

b. 18 Jan 1896 Mendon, Cache Co., Utah

d. 29 Aug 1949 Salt Lake City of cervical cancer

m. 9 Aug 1920 Lafayette Shepherd Rich in Blackfoot, Idaho (in 1937, she sued for divorce, he killed himself in Boise prison where he was for forgery)  
2 children lived to adulthood

Father: James Ferguson Whitney (1863-1944)

Mother: Mary Jane Miller (1868-1945)



Theta Whitney??

*Salt Lake Tribune*,  
Nov. 25, 1917, p. 10

- 1917 [1916] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital, rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 151)
- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a party given by Mrs. Robison for graduating nurses. See News clippings—Nurses file. “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 18, 1917, p. 50.
- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. Says she is from Logan. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, 10, with photos
- 1920 Census: age 23, living with grandmother Mary J. Miller, in Murray, Salt Lake Co. on East 48<sup>th</sup> D Street, occupation: trained nurse working in a nursing home
- 1930 Census: age 33, living with husband Lafayette S. Rich in Rich, Bingham Co., Idaho, occupation: trained nurse working in a hospital, 2 daughters
- 1937. “Inmate Hangs Self in State Prison Cell. Boise, Idaho, UPI—Lafayette Rich, 42, of Paris, Idaho hanged himself in his state prison cell early Saturday, Acting Warden Paris A. O’Neill said. Rich was served by a prison deputy with a divorce complaint only Friday, O’Neil asserted. Attendants found the body hanging by a belt from an upper cell berth, and near it this note: ‘It is better for my family that I do away with myself.’ The widow and two children survive him. Rich was received at the penitentiary March 2 from Bannock county, where he had been convicted on a forgery charge and sentenced to from one to 14 years in prison.” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Mar 21, 1937, 9.

- They had had two children who died the year they were born—one was stillborn in 1921 and the other 5 days after his birth in 1922. They also had a girl, the third child, who was 13 when her father killed himself. And a still younger daughter who was 10 at the time. Theta had worked all along as a nurse, so at least she could support the family.

- 1940 Census: age 44, head of household, widowed, living in Salt Lake City on B Street, rented house, occupation: registered nurse, “working on own account,” 2 daughters

Obit: “Mrs. Rich was a graduate nurse of the old Provo general hospital. . . . Mrs. Rich moved to Salt Lake City [from Idaho] after the death of her husband in 1937 and returned to her profession of nursing for 13 years.” *Salt Lake Tribune* Aug 30, 1949, p. 26

**25. • 1915-Nov 1917 Luella Kindred** (called Lou on pic notation in familysearch)

familysearch.org ID: K243-BBH

b. 16 Jan 1897 Springville, Utah

d. 12 Jan 1944 Salt Lake City

m. Nov 21 or 23, 1921 to Michael Strebel in Salt Lake City

Father: John Reuben Kindred (1857-1915)

Mother: Luanna Mariah Bird (1861-1933)



*Salt Lake Tribune*,  
Nov. 25, 1917, 10



Lou Kindred??

- 1917 [1916] Provo City Directory, listed as nurse Provo Gen. Hosp. with rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 83)

- Jul 1917 “Miss Luella Kindred is home for a two weeks’ vacation She is taking nurse’s training at the Provo General hospital.” *Deseret Evening News* Jul 7, 1917, p. 8.

- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a party given by Mrs. Robison for graduating nurses. See News clippings—Nurses file. “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 18, 1917, p. 50.

- Nov 1917. Graduated. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. Says she is from Springville. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos
- 1930 Census. Listed with husband and no children in Provo. Working as a nurse in a hospital.
- 1940 Census. Listed with husband and no children in Provo and working as a nurse.
- 1944. Died of peritonitis related to an ulcer she had had for 3 years.
- 1944 Obit: “Funeral services were conducted in Provo Monday for Mrs. Luella Kindred Streble, 47, wife of Michael Streble, and a former resident of Springville, who died on Wednesday in a Salt Lake City hospital following a long illness [peritonitis]. “She was born in Springville, a daughter of the late John and Luann Kindred, and attended schools in this city. She graduated as a nurse from the Provo hospital and followed the profession for some time.” “Funeral Services Held for Former Resident,” *Springville Herald*, Jan 20, 1944, p. 1.

- **Program expanded to 3 years**

**26. • 1915-May 1918 Dora Mae (May) Shelton [3-yr course]**

familysearch.org ID: KWCL-QZQ

b. 2 Mar 1895 Daniel, Wasatch Co., Utah

d. 18 Jan 1971 Salt Lake City

m. 15 Jul 1922 Albert Preston Gause (d. 1928 from lung problems)

1 child

m. 27 Feb 1929 John McNeeley Tennant

Raised 2 stepchildren

Father: James Alfred Shelton (1845-1927)

Mother: Sarah Jane McDonald (1864-1908)



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[cherylbills@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbills@gmail.com)



From Reed Scott Waterfall,  
[rswaterfall@gmail.com](mailto:rswaterfall@gmail.com)

- 1910 Census. Living with father. Occupation: None
- Aug 1917. “**Miss Dora Shelton** a nurse of the Provo general hospital is visiting Mrs. Jennie Swain.” “Daniel,” *Wasatch Wave*, Aug 24, 1917, 5.
- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file.  
*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- Dec 1917. “Daniel. Mr. Otto McDonald gave a wedding dance last Saturday night and a very pleasant time was had by those present. **Miss Dora Shelton** and Miss Miner of Provo were here to attend the party last Saturday.” *Wasatch Wave*, Dec 21, 1917, 5.
- 1917 Provo City Directory listed a nurse Provo Gen. Hosp. rooms 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 126)
- Jan 1918. “**Miss Dora Shelton** of Provo was here for one night during the holidays. She reports that they are very busy at the hospital now.” “Daniel,” *Wasatch Wave*, Jan 4, 1918, 5.
- May 1918. “A party was given Wednesday night for **Miss Dora Shelton** who has finished her training at the Provo General Hospital and has come home to stay a while.” “Daniel,” *Wasatch Wave*, May 3, 1918, 9.
- Aug 1919. “The **Misses Dora Shelton, Venice Foote and Miss Barthormney [sic]** of Provo are visiting relatives in Heber.” “Heber City,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Aug 17, 1919, 53
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at 41 W 5<sup>th</sup> North (p. 122)
- Jan 1921. “**Miss Venice Foote** of Provo was here, the guest of **Miss Dora Shelton**. They have both returned to Provo for the present.” “Daniel,” *Wasatch Wave*, Jan 21, 1921, 7.
- 1930 Census. Living in Sandy, SL Co., with second husband and three children. Occupation: none
- 1938. Daughter Frances Tennant graduated from the LDS nursing school. “Sandy,” *Ute Sentinel (Midvale, Utah)*, Jun 24, 1938, 5.
- 1940 Census. Living in Sandy, SL Co., with second husband and three children. Occupation: [blank]
- “Life History Written by Dora Shelton Gause Tennant” from familysearch.org under her husband’s page, John McNeeley Tennant, ID: KWCL-QZW:

“In May 1907, I graduated from Wasatch High School [Heber City] and then entered nurses training at Provo General Hospital, completing a **3 year course** to become a registered nurse. Following graduation from nursing I worked

about 3 years as a private duty nurse, surgical nurse, and floor supervisor. . . . Nursing has been my profession and I have enjoyed it most of all my hobbies or jobs. After my family was raised, I worked at Cottonwood Maternity Hospital in Murray for 12 years, until a foot injury made it impossible to return to work.”

- 1977 Obit (no mention of nursing): *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)* Jan 20, 1971

- **Oct 20, 1916.** Ella Deseret Robison, wife of Dr. George E. Robison, died of stroke or heart attack at their home at 257 East Center St.

- **Dec 1916. Doctors take turns studying in the East**

-- “Dr. Merrill is now in the east doing post-graduate work”  
-- “Dr. Robison has recently returned from the east, where he went for this purpose [i.e., post-graduate work]  
-- “It is one of the rules of the hospital company that at least one of the staff shall do post-graduate work and attend clinics in some of the colleges and hospitals each year.”  
“Gratifying Advance Noted in Provo and Immediate Vicinity,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Dec 31, 1916, p. 34.

- **Dec 1916. Hospital treated 440 hospital patients in 1916.**

“Gratifying Advance Noted in Provo and Immediate Vicinity,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Dec 31, 1916, p. 34.)

**27. • 1916-1919 Ethel Sophia Peterson** [perhaps she didn’t finish course]

familysearch.org ID: KW8N-GMK

b. May 19, 1892 in Gunnison, Sanpete Co.

d. Mar 12, 1964, Salina, Sevier Co., Utah of a heart attack

m. Nov 12, 1919 Rue Allen Heath (1899-1979)—a WPA engineer  
2 children

Father: Peder August Petersen (1847-1898)

Mother: Marie Sophia Christensen (1859-1928)



From ancestry.com, plumbylester56

- 1915-1916 [1915] Provo City Directory, rooms 460 W 1<sup>st</sup> South [no occupation]
- 1917 [1916] Provo City Directory listed as nurse with rooms at 65 East 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 108)
- Nov 1919. Marriage to Rue Heath announced. Nothing about her being a nurse. Plan to live in Salina where Rue was a farmer. "Society," *Gunnison Valley News*, Nov. 14, 1919, 4. Also in "Social Notes from Utah Towns—Gunnison," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov. 23, 1919, 63. Guests mentioned, but none of her fellow nurses.
- 1930 & 1940 Censuses: Occupation: None
- 1964 Obit. No mention of nursing. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Mar 18, 1964, 26.

**28. • 1916-1919 Hilda [Mahilda] Boyer**

familysearch.org ID: KWN6-RDP

b. Apr 9, 1894, Springville, Utah

d. Jul 28, 1921, Springville, Utah (age 27)

m. Jun 25, 1919, Charles Leland Wright, in Salt Lake City

No children

Father: John Selvoy Boyer (1867-1945)

Mother: Susanna Bailey Jarrett (1863-1943)



From Sharon Louise Murray Salisbury, [sharonlsalisbury@gmail.com](mailto:sharonlsalisbury@gmail.com)



1915.

Photos from larger ones from the Fred W. Taylor glass negatives. She wore glasses.

- 1917-18 Provo City Directory, listed as nurse Provo Gen Hospital, rms. 65. E. 4<sup>th</sup> South (p. 31)
- Nov 1917. Attended a party given by Mrs. Robison for graduating nurses. See News clippings—Nurses file. “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 18, 1917, p. 50.
- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- 1920 Census. Living with husband, no occupation
- Jul 1921. Death certificate. Died in Springville though residence was in Payson. Occupation: Trained nurse/housewife. Died of epilepsy. Dr. Fred W. Taylor doctor

**29. • 1916-1919 Grace Cobbley** [may not have finished course]

familysearch.org ID: L64C-CY7

b. Oct 10, 1899 in Lindon, Utah Co.

d. Oct 8, 1961, Orem, Utah

m. Jun 2, 1921, Julian J. Hansen, Salt Lake Temple  
3 children

Father: Albert Edward Cobbley (1876-1935)

Mother: Violet Eliza Banks (1878-1955)



From dienikes on ancestry.com, Hansen family tree.

- 1914 Graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. “Nearly 300 Eight-grade Students Attend Graduating Exercises....Pleasant Grove--....Grace Cobbley.” “North End of Utah County Shows Well,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, May 22, 1914, 7.
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as a nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 34)
- 1920 Census, taken on Jan 3, 1920, living with parents in Pleasant Grove, Utah Co. Occupation: none
- 1930 Census: Occupation: none (2 young children)
- Apr 1939. “Dr. Grant Y. Anderson of Pleasant Grove and Mrs. Loy Doss, county nurse, were in charge of a child health conference held at the Orem town hall Thursdays. Thirty-five children were examined. Assisting Dr. Anderson and Mrs. Doss were Mrs. Ardella Fielding, Mrs. Lawrence Walker, Lindon; Mrs. Eva Gillespie, Edgemont; **Mrs. Grace Hansen** and Mrs. Vera Bishop.” *Sunday Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr. 23, 1939, 9. Several others held in the same period.
- 1940 Census: Occupation: [blank] (3 young children)
- Obituary does not mention being a nurse. The couple lived always in Orem. “Mrs. Hansen was active in the Relief Society and Old Folks Committee of the LDS Church. She was a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and the Orem Women’s Club. Her hobby was raising flowers.” “Grace C. Hansen. Heart Attack Fatal to Orem Woman,” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Oct 9, 1961, 4.

**30. • 1916-1919 Alta Berniece Miner**

familysearch.org ID: KWVP-QLW

b. Jul 29, 1897 in Fairview, Sanpete Co., Utah

d. Dec 29, 1988, in Provo

m. Jun 30, 1919, Charles Melville Smith (1889-1979) in Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois—he was a nephew of Dr. David Westwood. (“Combined City-County Health Unit Makes Gains During 11-Year History,” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Oct 8, 1963, 6.

5 children

Father: Homer Franklin Miner (1873-1948)

Mother: Mary Effie Bills (1877-1937)



Alta Miner, 1917

Photos by Fred W. Taylor, courtesy of Mark T. Marshall

Photos from larger ones from the Fred W. Taylor glass negatives

- 1917 [1916]Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital, rooms at 65 E 2d South (p. 95).
- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file.  
*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- Aug 1919 “Miss Alta Miner and Dr. Charles Smith of Provo were married last week. Miss Miner is a graduate nurse of the Provo General Hospital. They will spend the coming year in Chicago where Dr. Smith is taking a post graduate course. They left for Chicago last Saturday. Miss Miner is the daughter of Frank Miner formerly of Fairview.” (“Fairview,” *Mt Pleasant Pyramid*, Aug 8, 1919, p. 1)
- 1920 Census: Living in Chicago as a lodger. Occupation: Nurse in a hospital
- 1930 Census: Occupation: none
- 1940 Census: Occupation: Receptionist in doctor’s office
- Oct 1963. Alta’s husband was a physician who went to Northwestern University Medical School in Illinois. He was made Provo City physician in 1931. Instrumental in establishing a city board of health and public health programs such as immunization and food inspection. Was president of Utah County Medical Society, member of the state board of health for 6 years. He is the nephew of Dr. David Westwood. “His wife, the former Alta Miner, is a nurse. Their eldest son, David, is a Concord, Calif., social worker. Two sons, Dr. Charles M. Smith Jr., an orthopedic surgeon, and Dr. Paul Smith, general practitioner, are associated with their father at the Smith Clinic. A daughter, Rebecca, is married to another physician, Dr. Eddie Barr, who practices at Blythe, Calif.” (“Combined

City-County Health Unite Makes Gains During 11-Year History," *Daily Herald* (Provo, Utah), Oct. 8, 1963, p. 6.)

• Obit. "Alta Smith. Alta B. Miner Smith, 90, of Springville, died Dec 29, 1898, in Springville. She was born July 29, 1898, in Fairview to Frank and Effie Miner. She married Dr. Charles Melville Smith Sr. on July 29, 1929, in Chicago, Ill. He died June 9, 1979. She graduated from high school in south Pleasant Grove. She trained at Aird Hospital in Provo, where she received her registered nurse degree. She worked with her husband through the years at the Smith Clinic in Provo....." From familysearch.org Memories page. No newspaper source given.

• **Mar 1917—State Board for Examination and Registration of Nurses created by the legislature**

The act creating the Board was enacted by the legislature March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1917, and signed by Governor Bamberger on March 8<sup>th</sup> and went into effect May 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Utah State Board of Examination and Registration of Hospital Trained and Graduate Nurses, Biennial Report, 1917-1918* (Salt Lake: F. W. Gardiner Co., n.d.), 3. [Referenced in UHQ as: State of Utah, *Public Documents, 1917-1918* (Salt Lake City, 1919), vol. w, report no. 18: Utah State Board of Examination and Registration of Hospital Trained and Graduate Nurses, pp.5-6.]

Also noted in *Ogden Standard*, Mar 24, 1917.

• **Mar 1917—named to state board for registration of nurses**

"The governor [Bamberger] also named the five members of the state board for examination and registration of nurses, a new born created by an act of the recent legislature. . . . On the board for registration of nurses the governor named Miss Ella Wicklund, graduate of the Holy Cross hospital of Salt Lake; Miss Laura G. Willis, graduate of St. Mark's hospital of Salt Lake, Miss Stella Sainsbury, graduate of the L. D. S. hospital of Salt Lake; **Miss Zina Johnson**, matron of the Provo General Hospital, and Miss Sarah Bastow, superintendent of the Utah-Idaho hospital at Logan." "Seven Named by Gov. Bamberger, *Ogden Standard*, Mar 24, 1917, 16.

"Governor Bamberger also has named members of the board for the registration of nurses. The board is made up entirely of trained nurses: Miss Ella Wicklund of Salt Lake; Miss Laura G. Willis, Salt Lake; Miss Stella Sainsbury, Ogden; **Miss Zina Johnson**, Provo, and Miss Sarah Barstow, Logan." "Robt. Howard Named Coal Mine Inspector," *Salt Lake Telegram*, Mar 24, 1917, 3.

"On the board for registration of nurses the governor named Miss Ella Wicklund, graduate of the Holy Cross hospital of Salt Lake; Miss Laura G. Willis, graduate of St. Mark's hospital of Salt Lake; Miss Stella Sainsbury, graduate of the L.D.S. hospital of Salt Lake; **Miss Zina Johnson**, matron of the Provo General hospital, and Miss Sarah Bastow, superintendent of the Utah-Idaho hospital at Logan.

Miss Wicklund is now superintendent of the obstetrics division at the Holy Cross hospital, it is stated, and saw war nurse service in France just after the outbreak of the world war.

Miss Willis is connected with the O. S. L. [Oregon Short Line RR?] first-aid work, while Miss Sainsbury is superintendent of nurses of the Dee Memorial hospital at Ogden.

The members of this board are supposed to meet and organize within the next thirty days. They receive per diem pay for the time they are actually engaged in work for the state." "5 on Nurses' Board," *Salt Lake Tribune*, Mar 24, 1917, 20.

- **Apr 1917. US declares war against Germany because they have declared war on all shipping with their U-boats**

- **May 1917—Zina named president of nurse examining board**

"Organization of the Utah board of nurse examiners, named by Governor Bamberger in accordance with the law passed by the last legislature, was perfected yesterday. Following are the officers: **President, Miss Zina Johnson**; vice president, Miss Sarah Barton; secretary-treasurer, Miss Ella Wicklund. The other members of the board are Miss Stella Sainsbury and Miss Laura G. Willes. Mrs. E. G. Richards has been named inspector of training schools for nurses in Utah." "Nurse Examining Board is Named," *Salt Lake Tribune*, May 16, 1917, 7.

- **1917-1918. Statistics—change to 3-yr program**

Statistics of nurse training schools in general hospitals, 1917-1918

Place	Hospital	# of pupils	# of graduates	Admission age	Admission education	Hrs of duty	Yrs in course	Beds	Avg. # patients
Logan	Utah-Idaho	9	6	20	2 yrs high school	10	3	50	30
Ogden	Dee Memorial	45	13	19	1 yr high school	8	3	75	50
Provo	Provo General	10	1	19	1 yr high school	9	3	50	30
SLC	Holy Cross	60	6	18	1 yr high school	9	3	180	85
SLC	Groves LDS	96	19	19	1 yr high school	8	3	216	177
SLC	St. Mark's	53	14	18	1 yr high school	9	3	165	120
SLC	SL County	24	5	19	1 yr high school	9	3	125	70

Remuneration

Hospital	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
Utah-Idaho	-----	-----	-----
Dee Memorial	96	96	96
Provo General	96	120	144
Holy Cross	60	72	120
Groves LDS	90	90	90
St. Mark's	67.50	90	90
Salt Lake County	150	150	150

Bonner, *Nurse Training Schools 1917-18, 92.*

- **1917 Caroline Bayles assistant superintendent of nurses at Provo General.** Roomed in Holbrook Building.
  - 1917 Provo City Directory listed as Bayles, Caroline, asst. supt. Nurses, Provo Gen Hosp., rooms 33 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 24)
  - May 1917 Zina Johnson made president of State Board for Examination and Registration of Nurses
- **Nov 1917. Dr. Taylor enlisted in U.S. Army. See *PGH Doctors***



Summer 1917. Nurses In front of Center Building. From top left, Alice Craig, Hilda Boyer, Edith Wilmott, Theta Whitney. Alta Miner, \_\_\_\_\_. Front row: Annie Privett, Venice Foote, Luella Kindred?, Annie Bartholomew? Photo by Fred W. Taylor, courtesy of Mark Marshall.



Summer 1917. In front of the Center Building with Dr. H. G. Merrill, l-r, Alice Craig, Alta Miner, Annie Privett (on top), and Hilda Boyer right front.

**31. • 1917-1920 Mary Annie Privett**

familysearch.org ID: KWCH-5SR

b. Jul 24, 1894, at Bennington, Bryan, Oklahoma

d. Feb 13, 1987, in Orem, Utah

m. Dec 10, 1919, Salt Lake City to Thomas Clehon Boulton  
6 children

Father: James Madison Privett (1872-1961)

Mother: Alice Bell Henline (1872-1958)



Photos from larger ones from the Fred W. Taylor glass negatives

• 1913 Provo City Directory, living at 394 N 1<sup>st</sup> West with father (p. 123)

• 1917 Provo City Directory: Annie Privett, nurse at Provo Gen. Hosp., rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 111)

- Nov 1917. Attended a party given by Mrs. Robison for graduating nurses. See News clippings—Nurses file. “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 18, 1917, p. 50.
- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory: nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 110) (but not in 1920 Census as living at the hospital, which was taken on Jan 3, 1920).
- 1930 Census. Living with husband and 5 children in Lakeview, Utah Co. Occupation: none
- 1940 Census. Living with husband, a farmer, and 6 children in Vineyard, Utah Co. Occupation: [blank]
- May 1955. “Length-of-service Pins Awarded 28 workers of Utah Valley Hospital.” Pins were awarded to seven employees with 10 or more years of service and included **Mrs. Annie Boulton**, 11 years. Includes photo. See News clippings—nurses file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, May 11, 1955, 14.

32. • 1917-1920 **Alice Elizabeth Craig**

familysearch.org ID: KN4P-KMQ

b. 26 Nov 1899 Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas

d. 13 Mar 1980 Utah. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Springville. Died in Ogden?

m. 10 Jun 1920 James Hugh “Hugh” Syme in Salt Lake City (divorced bef. 1934—Provo City Directory for 1935). He died 6 Jun 1949.

Marriage status on death certificate is “Divorced”



Alice Craig?

From larger ones from the Fred W. Taylor glass negatives



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- 1917 Provo City Directory listed as a nurse at Provo General Hospital, rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 44)
- Nov 1917. Attended a party given by Mrs. Robison for graduating nurses. See News clippings—Nurses file. “Social Happenings in Cities and Towns of Utah,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 18, 1917, p. 50.
- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file. *Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory, nurse at Provo General Hospital (p.43)
- Jan 1920 Census, age 21, nurse, nurse at Provo General, renting at 192 South Academy Ave. Living with her mother-in-law and two brothers-in-law and husband.
- 1929 Provo City Directory, living in Provo with her husband
- 1930 Census. Living in Provo with husband. (listed as J. Howard Syme] working as a nurse at a medical hospital
- Oct 1934. Made corresponding secretary at the organization of District 4 of the Utah State Nurses’ Association. Several other nurses attended. See News clippings—nurses file. “Elected Head of Nurse Unit. Provo Woman Elected leader of New District Four Organization.” *Salt Lake Telegram*, Oct. 22, 1934, p. 7.
- 1935 [1934] Provo City Directory. Syme, Alice C. Mrs. Nurse. 315 Callister St. (ex-husband living at rooms 112 E. Center, a salesman.) p. 193
- Jun 1935 “Provo Nurses to Attend Convention. Five Provo nurses will attend the National Public Health convention at Helena, Montana, including **Mrs. Alice C. Symes**. See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo)*, Jun 30, 1935, p. 1.
- Jul 1935. “Medics Check Babies During County Clinic. American Fork.” 50 babies were examined from north Utah Co. by doctors. **Alice Syme** assisted at the clinic. See News clippings—nurse file. *Salt Lake Telegram*, Jul 20, 1935, 10.

- Oct 1935. “Moffitt Heads Mental Society. “J. Clifton Moffitt, principal of the Provo high school, was elected president of the Utah county society for Mental Hygiene at the meeting held Monday night. He succeeds Prof. M. W. Poulson who had held the post for many years.  
“Ray Whiting, Springville, was named vice president and **Mrs. Alice Syme**, Provo, secretary-treasurer.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Oct 15, 1935, 1.
- Apr 1936. Utah State Nurses association, District No. 3 (which includes Utah, Wasatch, Sanpete, Juab and Millard counties), met in Midway. Those from Provo included Mrs. Alice **Syme**. She was appointed as delegate to the national convention to be held in Los Angeles, June 16, 27 and 28. See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr 27, 1936, 8.
- Oct 1936. “City Free From Bad Contagion. ...One-hundred-thirty inoculations for typhoid fever were made through the joint work of the city and state boards of health, the county medical society and **Mrs. Alice Syme** and **Mrs. Carol B. Railes**, nurses.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Oct 9, 1936, 4.
- Feb 1937. “As Wednesday was National Social Hygiene day, **Mrs. Alice Syme** reviewed an article on ‘Syphilis and Community Welfare,’ which appeared recently in the National Social Hygiene magazine.” “Public Officials and Nurses Hold District Meeting: Nation-Wide Drive to Combat Venereal Diseases Discussed,” *Richfield Reaper*, Feb 4, 1937, 1.
- Feb 1937. “Needy Children to Get Dental Care.” Twelve Provo dentists will cooperate in the work. “School nurses Mrs. Frances **Raile** and Mrs. Alice **Syme** will have the children ready so that the work can be conducted without loss of the dentist’s time.” See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Feb 18, 1937, 8.
- Apr 1937. “Clinic Held for Payson Children. Payson—Clinic for children who are of age to enter school this fall was conducted this week at the Payson junior high school. Sixty-two children were examined and defects were recorded as follows: 49 dental; 30 diseased and infected tonsils; 4 enlarged thyroid; 1 orthopedic defect; 21 signs of rickets; 29 undernourished; 3 hernia; 8 heart lesions; 59 were inoculated for diphtheria and 66 vaccinated.  
“Dr. A. L. Curtis and Dr. M. L. Oldroyd were in charge and nurses were **Alice Syme** of Provo, Clara Sumsion of Springville and Lena Curtis of Payson. Officers of the P.T.A.. and Relief Society assisted.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr 22, 1937, 13.
- Jan 1938. “Health Office Is Opened Here....The six nurses in Utah county, the two in Duchesne, and the two in Uintah county that will work under the supervision of Miss McQuillan will be in their own offices as set up previously. **Mrs. Carol B. Raile** and **Mrs. Alice C. Syme** are the Provo nurses.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Jan. 4, 1938, 4.
- Apr 1938. “Mayor Names Child Aid Committee. Medical Aid To Be Put On More Secure Finance Basis. Names of nine Provoans who will be invited to serve on the Child Welfare committee of the Citizens’ council by city commissioners were announced Tuesday by Mayor Mark Anderson.

“They are: Dr. W. Woolf, **Mrs. Alice c. Syme**, Mrs. C. A. Larsen, Mrs. Thelma Weight, **Mrs. Carol B. Railes**, Dr. Charles M. Smith, Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, Dr. Frank T. Reynolds, and Coleman Allred. The group [sic] will select its own chairman.

“The committee will supervise the Child Welfare fund now held by the city, advice and supervise a child welfare program and conduct research into child needs, the mayor said.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr. 5, 1938, 1.

- Nov 1939. Retiring secretary of the Utah County Mental Hygiene Society. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Nov 9, 1939, 7.
- Apr 1940 Census. Head, i.e., not with her husband. Living in Provo. Working as a private duty nurse.
- 1940. Worked at Utah Valley Hospital. She was a director of the hospital, with term ending in Jan 1940. “Valley Hospital Renames Officers, Board; Report Favors Insurance-Service Plan,” *Salt Lake Telegram*, Jan 17, 1940, 5.
- 1941. Earliest Utah Valley Hospital nurse. “Mrs. Alice Syme, who joined Utah Valley nursing staff in 1941, now night nurse supervisor, has oldest seniority of employees.” “Utah Valley LDS Hospital Notes 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Since Founding,” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Sep 25, 1964, 7.
- Jun 1942. “Mrs. Mary Oakes Returned Monday from a delightful two-week trip to the east. Mrs. Oakes, superintendent of nurses at the Utah State hospital was accompanied to Chicago, Ill. By **Alice Syme** of Provo, and together they attended the American Nurses’ Association convention from Mary 18 to 22....Approximately 2000 nurses attended the convention meeting in uniform and another 6000 were also in attendance.” *The Springville Herald*, Jun 4, 1942, 9.
- Mar 1943. “Women Address District Nurses. Special messages and instructions were given the nurses of district No. 3, Utah State Nurses’ association, at their monthly dinner-meeting held at Keeleys Friday evening. **Mrs. Alice Syme**, president, was in charge, and introduced Mrs. E. G. Richards of Salt Lake City, chairman of the state nursing council for war service, who explained the war council and gave suggestions and instructions for wartime duty.” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Mar 14, 1943, 9.
- Jun 1949. Obit for husband. He and Alice were divorced. “James Hugh Syme,” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Jun 7, 1949, 26.
- 1953 on. Alice had no children. Helped raise the daughter of her sister. From a story by Connee Jeffery Whiting about her friendship with Nathalie Hatfield Broadbent [in Provo]:
  - “I learned Nathalie’s mother had died when she was very young [1953; Nathalie was 7] and her father gave her to an Aunt to raise. Aunt Alice was older, her husband was deceased and they did not have any children. When Nathalie’s father remarried his new wife had ten children and he felt it would be better for Nathalie to stay with her Aunt.... Sacramento meeting was held in the afternoon and Nathalie could seldom come. Aunt

Alice was not a member, and she worked long hours as a nurse. As a result, Sunday was the best day for her to grocery shop....Nathalie had not been baptized. So her Aunt was contacted. Aunt Alice had no objections if that was what Nathalie really wanted to do. [She was about 12 yrs old, around 1958]" Contributed by [sbroadbent@gmail.com](mailto:sbroadbent@gmail.com)

- May 1955. "Length-of-service Pins Awarded 28 workers of Utah Valley Hospital." Pins were awarded to seven employees with 10 or more years of service and included **Mrs. Alice Smye [sic]**, 14 years. Includes photo. See News clippings—nurses file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, May 11, 1955, 14
- 1964. "**Mrs. Alice Syme**, who joined Utah Valley nursing staff in 1941, now night nurse supervisor, has oldest seniority of employees." "Utah Valley LDS Hospital Notes 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Since Founding," *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Sep 25, 1964, 7.
- Feb 1965. "Nurses at Training Conference. Three members of the Utah Valley hospital nursing staff were in attendance at the 'Wiche' Nursing leadership training conference being held this week at Ogden's Holiday Inn. They include Mrs. Sheila Cottam, head nurse; Mrs. Ellen Taylor, assistant head nurse; and Mrs. **Alice C. Syme**, night supervisor. "The conference is an intensive training course in areas of effective communication and improving working skills. It is second of a series sponsored by the Western Interstate commission for higher education (WICHE), the University of Utah College of Nursing, and the University Division of continuing education." *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Feb 15, 1965, 10.
- Mar 1980. Alice Elizabeth Syme obituary. March 16. *Provo Herald*, 94. Also Alice Elizabeth Craig Syme, Mar 20, *Springville Herald*, 12

**33. • 1917-Jun 1920 Edith Ann Wilmott [3 years]**

familysearch.org ID: KWC6-9CG

b. 12 Aug 1897 in Springville, Utah

d. 1 Apr 1932 Provo of brain abscesses (34 years old)

m. Jul 22, 1922 Joseph Daniel Wadley in Farmington, Utah  
4 children

Father: Albert Wilmott from England

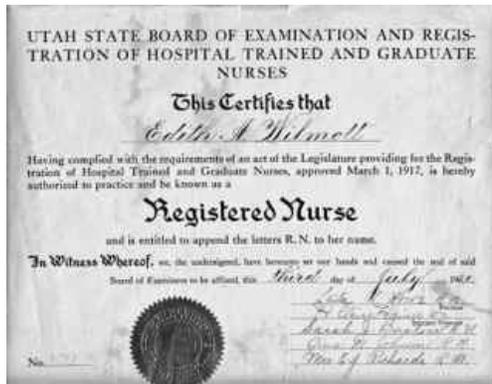
Mother: Celia Phillips from England



Holbrook carriage house in background



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Jul 3, 1920

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In front of Holbrook Building.

- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file.  
*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 146)
- Jan 3, 1920 Census lists as age 21 living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East as a lodger (hospital), in nurse training
- Jan 15-16, 1920, Census lists as 22 living in father's house in Springville on West 7<sup>th</sup> South
- 1922 "After completing her work in the Springville High School she entered the training school for nurses at the Provo General Hospital and graduated June, 1920. She was appointed assistant matron of nurses of the school and head nurse in the eye, nose and throat department. During 1922 she was appointed director of training school and superintendent of the nurses home. During the month of January, 1922, she was appointed by Governor Mabey to the state examining board for the registration of nurses." "young Mother Dies," *Pleasant Grove Review (Pleasant Grove, Utah)*, Apr. 8, 1932, 1.
- 1930 Census: Occupation: none (3 young children at home)

Obit: "Mrs. Edith Wadley. Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Edith Wilmot Wadley, 34, wife of Joseph D. Wadley Jr. of Lindon ward, died at the Provo hospital early Friday after an operation. Mrs. Wadley was born August 12, 1897, in Springville. She was a registered nurse and an active L. D. S. church worker. She is survived by her husband and four daughters: Dorothy, Loraine, Marsha and Joan Wadley, Pleasant Gove; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilmot; a sister Alzada Wilmot, and two brothers, Fred and Bert Wilmot, all of Springville. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday." *Salt Lake Telegram* Apr 2, 1932, p. 13

- From daughter Lorraine: “I am the daughter of Edith Ann Wilmott Wadley and Joseph Daniel Wadley. You contacted my granddaughter Melinda Barnes for permission use picture of Edith Wilmott. You have my permission to use my mother's pictures in your history. According to Edith's history, written by her older sister Alzada, Mother graduated from nursing school in 1918 and became a nurse for Doctors Aird and Merrill in the hospital until she married. Mother died in 1932 at age 34 from an abscess on the brain caused by a head infection. According to family history Doctors Aird and Merrill performed surgery on her brain a few hours prior to her death in the Aird hospital. They did the surgery in hopes of saving her life. Mother loved nursing and help with many health problems in the community in which she and dad lived, Lindon, Utah. She worked many times Doctor Gruea who practiced Pleasant Grove. I was 7 at the time of her death but even at that age I remember her helping others with her nursing skills.

**34. • 1917- Dec 1920 Bertha Whiting**

familysearch.org ID: KWCH-L11

b. 26 Sep 1898 in Mapleton, Utah Co., Utah

d. 11 Sep 1960 American Fork, Utah

m. 17 Jan 1921 to Donald Howard Bean in Salt Lake City

8 children

Father: Philetus Edgar Whiting (1854-1943) born Manti, Utah

Mother: Harriet Elizabeth Johnson (1867-1903) born London, UK



Photo from Julie Beth Bean [juliebeanart@yahoo.com](mailto:juliebeanart@yahoo.com)



Bertha Whiting on left. Dr. L. Weston Oaks in center. Edith Wilmott on right.. In front of Holbrook Building. Picture courtesy of Jessica Bean in the Pilcher & Bean Family GEDCOM

- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file.  
*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 145)
- 1920 Census listed as born in Utah, age 21, nurse, living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East as a lodger (Provo General Hospital)
- Short autobiography: “I haven’t any special talents. I like music a lot and am interested in genealogy. I like nursing but did not practice, only to help a neighbor who was ill.” She did not have the opportunity to attend high school but her desire for education would not be denied. During World War 1 she had the opportunity to take a nurses course at the old Provo General Hospital. She worked hard and sacrificed much to complete the three year course. She had eight children. Life sketch by Dena S. Grant for Bertha’s funeral service on 14 Sept 1960, American Fork. Posted on familysearch.org website.
- 1960. Obit does not mention nursing. On ancestry.com.

**35. • 1917-1920 Susan Sumsion [3 years] [maybe started in the fall as she is not in the photo from the summer.]**

familysearch.org ID: KWJ8-XSJ

b. 22 Jan 1898 in Springville, Utah

d. 14 Jan 1977 in Springville, Utah Co.

m. 26 May 1923 Lester D. Miller in Utah Co. (1894-1930) b. Springville, died Provo  
No children

m. 8 Jun 1935 Clyde Odas Switzer (1891-1968) b. Illinois, d. Ephrim, Sanpete  
No children

m. [after Jan 1970]: John A. Landau. From her obit., *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Jan 16, 1977, 4. They lived in San Jose, CA.

Father: Henry La Cell Sumsion (1868-1856)

Mother: Phoebe Ellen Barlow (1872-1951)



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- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. See News clippings—nurses file.  
*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates
- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 131)
- Jan 1920 Census: Living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East (Provo General Hospital) as a lodger, occupation: nurse

From autobiography of sister Clara, b. 1900: “When I was 18 years old [1918], I went to Provo General Hospital to take nurses training. I had decided I wanted to be a nurse after Dora went to take the course and Susan was in training there. Dora had graduated and was married. I stayed at the hospital for the 3 months’ probation but just couldn’t take it any longer. It was 1918, the first year of the bad flu and we couldn’t leave the hospital or nurses home. Susan got the flu and nearly died.”  
<https://familysearch.org/photos/stories/14602369>

- 1930 Census: Living with Miller in parent’s household. Occupation: General office in Loan Co.
- 1940 Census: Living with Switzer Occupation: Housewife
- 1970. “Widow’s mite helps at Snow College. A local widow has contributed more than a widow’s mite to Snow College. Mrs. Susan Switzer, who lives at 353 South Main in Ephraim, has contributed \$100 to the school’s scholarship fund, Lee R. Thompson, business manager, has announced....Mrs. Switzer, then Susan Sumsion, was born in Springville, but spent most of her girlhood in Chester. She graduated from Snow Academy, a predecessor to Snow College, in 1915. She taught school in Wales and Chester and then decided to study nursing. As a graduate nurse, she worked for the Public Health Service for many years, mainly in veterans’ hospitals. A Navy man, Mr.

Switzer died in 1968. They had lived in Ephraim intermittently for several years and Mrs. Switzer continues to reside in their home.” *Ephraim Enterprise*, Jan 22, 1970, 6.

**36. • 1917-1920 Annice (Annie) Loanda Smith** [3 years] [maybe started in the fall as she is not in the photo from the summer.]

familysearch.org ID: LJLC-3ST

b. 27 Jun 1899 Utah [lived in Springville]

d. 28 Dec 1954 Santa Barbara, CA

m. 2 Jul 1927 John B. Hoskins, Los Angeles

2 children

Father: Frederick Smith

Mother: Clara Alice Barlow

- Nov 1917. Attended a banquet given by Dr. & Mrs. Merrill in honor of graduating nurses. [name given as Annie] See News clippings—nurses file.

*Salt Lake Tribune*, Nov 25, 1917, p. 10, with photos of graduates

- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory, listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 123)

- Jan 3, 1920 Census lists her living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East (Provo General Hospital) as a lodger; occupation: nurse

- Jan 10, 1920 Census lists her again in Springville with father, Fred Smith, born in Iowa, and mother is Clara A. Smith born in Utah. Sisters are Maud, b. 1895, and Hazel, born 1897 or 1898. Annice’s occupation is given as “nurse” and working in a hospital.

- 1926 Provo City Directory, nurse Aird Hospital, rooms in basement of 112 E. Center (p. 161)

- 1940 Census listed in household of Jack B. Hoskins in Santa Barbara. Occupation [blank]

Have tried newspapers & Google to no avail.

Hospital	City	Supervisor	# beds	# students
Groves LDS	SLC	C.E. Dancy	194	106
Holy Cross	SLC	Sr. M. Sylvina	184	48
St. Mark’s	SLC	N.F.W. Crossland	160	41
SL County	SLC	Daphne Dalton	100	21
Thomas D. Dee	Ogden	Stella Peterson	75	40
Utah-Idaho	Logan	Sarah Bastow	55	16
Provo General	Provo	Zina Johnson	50	10

- **Jan 1918. Nurse training schools accredited.** *Utah State Board of Examination and Registration of Hospital Trained and Graduate Nurses, Biennial Report, 1917-1918* (Salt Lake: F. W. Gardiner Co., n.d.), 5.

- **Feb 1918—A state official**

“State Officials Who Are Now Serving people of Utah. . . . Trained Nurses. Ella Wicklund, Salt Lake City. Laura Willis, Salt lake City. Sara Bostow, Logan. **Zina Johnson**, Provo, Stella Sainsbury, Ogden.” *Ogden Standard*, Feb 9, 1918, p. 27.



Probably Jun 1918. In front of Holbrook Bldg. with carriage house behind. Back row standing: Zina Johnson, nursing superintendent; Amy Martain Dr. Fred W. Taylor about to leave for duty with the Utah National Guard. Middle, on knees: Alta Miner. Front row, sitting: Edith Wilmott, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Bertha Whiting, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. Photo by Fred W. Taylor, courtesy of Mark Marshall.

- **Jun 1, 1918. Dr. Taylor reported for duty. See *PGH Doctors***

- **Jul 1918—First nurse registration exams given**

“The first examinations were held the week of July 1-7, 1918, there being three candidates, all of whom passed successful examinations. *Utah State Board of Examination and Registration of Hospital Trained and Graduate Nurses, Biennial Report, 1917-1918* (Salt Lake: F. W. Gardiner Co., n.d.), 7.

- **Oct 1918—start of the Spanish Flu**

“Death Claims a Lovely Maiden. Maude Erickson, Beloved School Teacher, Falls Victim to Spanish Influenza. . . . Influenza has carried off one of Richfield’s loveliest girls when

death claimed Maude Erickson, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. H. Erickson, at the family residence on West Second North street yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Erickson was among the first to be afflicted with this violent disease, and after five days suffering death placed its seal upon her. Again the ancient saying is realized that 'death loves a shining mark,' for in the death of this young woman the dark angel surely selected one of the city's most shining marks. She had been unfortunate in that a year ago she suffered an illness which took her away from her chosen profession, school teaching. And she was destined to have succeeded in that noble work had death not intervened to mar her life's work.

She was born in Monroe 22 years ago. She spent the major portion of her life in Richfield where she received her education in the elementary and high schools, adding to this one year of normal training at the L. D. S. college in Salt Lake. Among her friends and associates she was regarded as a princess in all that makes up a lovely character, a pleasing personality and an accomplished mind.

In the schoolroom she had that indefinable quality which drew her little pupils to her, and she was regarded by them as almost a goddess.

Every teacher and school officer feels a personal loss in the early death of Maude Erickson, who possessed a beauty of body and mind that commanded attention and held the esteem of all who knew her.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Erickson in this hour of deep affliction, and the consolation that comes from a host of friends is theirs. And while their grief is hard to measure yet have they the consolation of having given to this community a splendid family of sons and daughters who have made the community better and brighter for their having lived in it. Maude was a jewel in the family crown, beloved by all, and her death casts a gloom all around.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson pay high tribute to Dr. Steiner for the valiant fight he made to save their daughter, and for the assistance of Miss Zina Johnson, a trained nurse from the Provo General hospital, a sister of Mrs. Erickson, both of whom labored with every known means and skill at their command to ward off the dark angel.

It had been designed to hold funeral services on the lawn at the family residence, but Mr. and Mrs. Erickson learned of the rule established by the state board that funeral services should be held at the cemetery and they changed their desires to conform to that rule." *Richfield Reaper*, Oct 19, 1918, 1.

"During the flu epidemic in 1918 and 1919, I nursed in hospitals and homes. At that time the First World War was going on. We nurses had tried to enlist but they would not let us, as they had to be over thirty-four and we were only twenty-one years old. So we nursed here at home. At that time, I felt if this flu epidemic and the war would stop I would never complain again. So many people died with the flu. We were working night and day. They would call me on a case. I would go and find whole families down in bed. Sometimes there might be one child that could help. They would have to have food cooked, fires kept going, treatments, children fed, some poor little things crying and with high fevers. It really was a most trying time, and if it had not been for the help of the Lord I could not have done it. When my whole being was crying for a little rest I would ask Him to give me strength, and I could always go just a little longer. In time the flu epidemic and the war did pass, but not before it had taken its toll." "Nursing Years Memories from Martha Venice Foote" contributed by Susan O. White to familysearch.org

- **Nov 11, 1918. Armistice Day. End of WWI**
- **Dec 1918. Dr. Taylor returned home. See *PGH Doctors***
- **1918 Clara Sumsion [dropped out after 3 months]**

familysearch.org ID: KWCD-845

b. Mar 27, 1900, Springville, Utah

d. Apr 2, 1994, Provo, Utah

m. Oct 21, 1922 Victor Monta Christensen (1900-1975) in Price, Utah

Father: Henry La Cell Sumsion (1868-1856)

Mother: Phoebe Ellen Barlow (1872-1951)



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From autobiography of sister Clara, b. 1900: “We lived in the little house until I was eleven, then Dad had a large 8 room cement brick house built. It had a large kitchen and bedroom and dining room and parlor downstairs, also a room built for a bathroom but not used for that. We didn’t have water or electricity in the house until after I left home. There were 4 good sized bedrooms upstairs; Hilda had a bedroom to herself, Vera and I had a bedroom, and Ina and Susan had a bedroom. Dora was at the Provo General Hospital learning to be a nurse. . . . When I was 18 years old [1918], I went to Provo General Hospital to take nurses training. I had decided I wanted to be a nurse after Dora went to take the course and Susan was in training there. Dora had graduated and was married. I stayed at the hospital for the 3 months’ probation but just couldn’t take it any longer. It was 1918, the first year of the bad flu and we couldn’t leave the hospital or nurses home. Susan got the flu and nearly died. I got so homesick I wished I could die, so I gave it up and went back home to milk cows and plow.”

<https://familysearch.org/photos/stories/14602369>

**37. • 1918-1921 Irene Jackson**

familysearch.org ID: KW6M-PJ8

b. 21 Dec 1899 in Taylor, Navajo Co., Arizona

d. 7 Feb 1975 in Shreveport, Caddo Co., Louisiana

m. 27 Apr 1924 to Steven Roger [S. Roger] Willey in Council Bluffs, Iowa  
3 children

Father: Jonathan M. Jackson, b. 1873 in Utah, d. before 1920

Mother: Victoria Hancock, b. 1881 in Utah

- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 74)
- Jan 1920 Census listed as age 20, born Arizona, nurse, living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East (Provo General Hospital) as a lodger
- 1921 Provo City Directory lists her as a nurse living at 207 S 6<sup>th</sup> East (p. 90)
- 1924 Provo City Directory lists her as a nurse at 591 N 3<sup>rd</sup> East, business the same (p. 99)
- 1930 Census in Omaha, Neb. Living with husband and 5-year-old daughter.  
Occupation: [blank]
- 1940 Census living in Shreveport, Louisiana with husband and 2 daughters.  
Occupation: none

**38. • 1918-1920 Mary Thelma Nicholson**

familysearch.org ID: KW8S-V1Z

b. Nov 16, 1900, Provo, Utah

d. Feb 15, 1986, Ballwin, St. Louis, Missouri

m. Jul 12, 1921, Edward Hamilton Sparks Jr. (1875-1941) in Salt Lake City (divorced—  
filed Jun 19, 1938 *Daily Herald*) 3 children

m. Jun 24, 1942, Henry Jackson. Will make home in Provo

Father: John Paton Nicholson (1863-1941)

Mother: Amy Jane Glazier (1870-1959)

- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 98) (but not in 1920 Census as living at the hospital, which was taken on Jan 3, 1920)
- 1930 Census living in Nephi, Juab Co., Utah, working as a private nurse
- 1936. 7-yr-old son died of scarlet fever.
- 1940 Census. With two sons, living with parents. Occupation: [blank]

**39. • 1918-Jun 1921 Amy Reynolds Martain**

familysearch.org ID: KWCC-KD2

b. 10 Jan 1900 Salt Lake City.

d. 18 Aug 1955 Salt Lake City

m. 4 Feb 1928 Edward Arnold Mecham in Salt Lake City (home in Provo)

4 children

Father: Charles T. Martain, b. Connecticut

Mother: Amelia E. Reynolds, b. Utah (1920 census says Ohio)



Edith Wilmott on left. Amy Reynolds Martain on right

Photos from Melinda Barnes: [mjab29@gmail.com](mailto:mjab29@gmail.com)

- 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital (p. 91)
- Jan 3, 1920 Census, listed as living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East (Provo General Hospital) as a lodger (but no mention working as a nurse—probably an oversight on census taker's part)
- Jan 2, 1920 Census, living with parents in Springville, occupation as nurse at hospital
- Jun 1921 "Ogden Nurses Get Licenses. Many From This City Successful in Passing State's Examinations....Of 63 graduate nurses who took the examinations, 59 were successful, it was announced. The names of successful applicants follow: . . . Amy R. Martain, Springville." *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, Jun 26, 1921, p. 3.
- 1921 Provo City Directory lists her as Amy Martin [sic], nurse, rooms 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 112)
- 1924 Provo City Directory lists her as a nurse at Merrill & Oaks, rooms at 35 East 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 125)
- 1926 Provo City Directory lists her as a nurse for Merrill & Oaks, rooms at 35 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South
- 1927 New board member of Utah State Nurses' association. "Laura Willis Named to Head Utah Nurses," *Salt Lake Telegram*, Oct. 22, 1927, 5.

- 1930 Census shows her living in Springville and working as a married, trained nurse in a hospital with no children.

Amy's mother was a nurse: "Mrs. Martain Honored on Anniversary. Nearly fifty relatives from Provo, Spanish Fork and Springville gathered in family reunion Wednesday evening at the Second ward hall, to celebrate the sixty-fifth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Millie R. Martain of this city. . . . Mrs. Martain was born in Salt Lake January 5, 1867 a daughter of George and Mary A. Tullenham Reynolds. At the age of 17 years her mother died leaving her to care for seven younger brothers and sisters. In the meantime she found time to attend a school for nurses and graduated from the school at nineteen years. . . . Mrs. Martain practiced nursing for ten years, prior to her marriage to Charles Martain, August 29, 1896. Though she has raised a large family, Mrs. Martain has continued on in her profession during practically all her married life. . . . She is the mother of ten children. . . . Mrs. Amy Mecham. . . ." *Springville Herald*, Jan 12, 1933, p. 1.

- Oct 1934 Made director with 3-year term at the organization of District 4 of the Utah State Nurses' Association. Several other nurses attended. See News clippings—nurses file. "Elected Head of Nurse Unit. Provo Woman Elected leader of New District Four Organization," *Salt Lake Telegram*, Oct. 22, 1934, p. 7.

- Nov 1935. "Nurses Meet to Elect Officers." For the local district organization of the Utah State Nurses association. Mrs. Mary Oakes, Springville, three-year director to replace **Mrs. Amy Mecham**.

"The nurses plan a campaign to provide more employment for graduate nurses and better working conditions." See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Nov 3, 1935, 8.

- 1955 Obit: "She received her education in the Salt Lake City schools. The family moved to Springville in 1908, where she completed her schooling and attended Brigham Young University. She took her nurse's training in the Provo General Hospital, graduating in 1921. Mrs. Mecham worked for Doctors Merrill and Oaks. She traveled to Europe in 1925. Since 1928, she had made her home in Provo. . . . She was interested in people." *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)* Aug. 19, 1955, p. 4

- **Mar 1919—Zina continues on board of nurse examiners**

"The board of trained nurses, who are named to succeed themselves, are Sarah Bastow of Logan, **Zina Johnson** of Provo, and H. Claire Haines of Salt Lake for four-year term and Mrs. B. E. Richards of Ogden and Mrs. Lelia H. Howe of Salt Lake for the two-year filling unexpired terms." "Governor [Bamberger] Names Board Members," *Salt Lake Herald*, Mar 8, 1919, 8.

"Governor Bamberger has submitted the following list of appointments to the senate for approval....Board of trained nurses—Sarah Bastow, Logan; **Zina Johnson**, Provo; H. Claire Haines, Salt Lake, for four years; Mrs. E. E. Richards, Salt Lake; Mrs. Leila H. Howe,

Salt Lake, to serve two years.” “Governor Submits List of New Appointments,” *Salt Lake Telegram*, Mar 8, 1919, 7.

**40. • 1919-1922 Mary Ellen Larsen**

familysearch.org ID: KWJ8-9C2

b. Mar 20, 1894 in Mapleton, Utah Co.

d. Jun 16, 1974 in Ogden, Utah

m. Louritz Everson Nielson Miller, Apr 26, 1922, SLC



From Laraine Robinson



From Brenda L. Beutler

- 1921 Provo City Directory listed as nurse at Provo General Hospital with rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South
- 1930 Census, living in Spanish Fork with her husband and 1 child. Occupation: none
- 1940 Census lists her with her husband and 1 daughter and working as a nurse in a hospital in Spanish Fork.
- Family history: “Ellen was employed as a nurse in Hughes Memorial Hospital in Spanish Fork, Utah, for many years. . . . Ellen continued to reside in Spanish Fork and continued to work at the hospital until she retired.” “Mary Ellen Larsen History”
- Obit: “Mrs. Miller worked as a nurse for Hughes Memorial Hospital in Spanish Fork for many years.” “Mary Ellen Miller,” *The Daily Herald* (Provo, Utah), Jun 17, 1974, p. 4

**41. • 1919-1922 Irma (Erma) Jane Richmond**

familysearch.org ID: KWCT-6V9

b. Aug 13, 1902, Payson, Utah Co.

d. Jul 2, 1990 in Salt Lake City

m. Jan 20, 1922 to Gilbert Thompson Lisonbee in Davis Co. (divorced)

m. Arthur Perry in 1944

- 1921 Provo City Directory listed as Erma Richmond, nurse with rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 139)
  - 1930 Census living with husband and son, Dean, age 6, in Provo. Occupation: none
  - Jun 1938 living in SLC as Mrs. Erma Lisonbee (trip she & son Dean took around the country)
  - 1944 married Arthur Perry
  - 1956 living in SLC (obit of father Everett P. Richmond)
  - 1958 living in SLC (obit for her sister Fay Richmond Hickman)
  - Jan 1960 living in SLC (obit of mother, Eliza Hamilton Richmond)
  - Son James E. Perry's obit says he was born in Arizona in 1935 and the family move to Oregon when he was young.
  - Tombstone in Payson, Utah Co., lists her as Irma Richmond Perry
- **Jan 3, 1920. Census. Living at Provo General Hospital:**
- Alice Craig, head lodger, age 21, single, born Kansas, nurse training
  - Edith Willmont [sic], age 21, single, born Utah, nurse training
  - Bertha Whiting, age 21, single, born Utah, nurse training
  - Susian [sic] Sumsion, age 22, single, born Utah, nurse training
  - Annice Smith, age 21, single, born Utah, nurse training
  - Irene Jackson, age 20, single, born Arizona, training nurse
  - Amy Martain, age 20, single, born Utah, no occupation listed
  - Annie Bulkley, age 20, single, born Utah, training nurse
  - Mary Anderson, age 30, single, born Utah, hospital cook
  - Zina M. Johnson, age 37, single, born Utah, nurse
  - Ella Coffin, age 36, single, born Wisconsin, head nurse
  - James White, age 61, widowed, born Utah, hospital engineer

• **Jan 1920. Prohibition begins**

• **Jan 1920—shortage of nurses**

State board for the examination and registration of nurses suggested a standardized curriculum. Shortage of nurses in Utah—"Attention was also called during the discussion to the shortage of nurses in the training schools of the state. The hospitals report it difficult to obtain young women of the required educational standard of at least one year of high school training to take the course of training for nurses....[The shortage]

might be attributed to the general feeling of unrest which pervades all walks of life. It was decided that a general campaign of publicity and of appeal for service would be conducted, through the newspapers and the various organizations of young women, in an effort to recruit the forces of the hospitals up to the required standard." *The Trained Nurse and Hospital Review*, vol. 64:1, January 1920, p. 60

- **Apr 1920—Zina attended convention of the National League of Nursing Education in Atlanta, Georgia**

"Zina M. Johnson, Superintendent of Training School, Provo General Hospital, Provo, Utah." *Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the National League of Nursing Education Held at Atlanta, Georgia, April 12 to April 17, 1920* (Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins Co.: 1921), 36.

- **Aug 1920. 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed—women's suffrage**

- **1920. Associates taken on. L. Weston Oaks and Fred R. Taylor**

- Dr. L. Weston Oaks as assistant to Dr. Merrill
- Dr. Fred R. Taylor as assistant to his father, Dr. Fred W. Taylor

- 42. • **1920- Anna (Annie) Giles Bulkley [died at 22]—did not finish her training**

familysearch.org ID: K WV2-2Z4

b. Jul 3, 1899, Springville, Utah

d. 11 May 1921 (buried Springville). In Spokane, Washington [22 years old]

m. Sep 20, 1920, to Paul C. Swenson (1895- ) [or Swanson or Swensen] in Bannock, Idaho

Father: Samuel Bulkley (1849-1932) b. Utah

Mother: Louisa Giles (1854-1939) b. Utah



1918. Photos from ancestry.com, Forbes Evans Stickley Lindsey Family Tree

- Jan 3, 1920 Census listed as age 20, a nurse, living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East (Provo General Hospital) as a lodger

- Jan 8, 1920 Census, Springville, living with family, hospital nurse
- Not in 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory—got married in Sept. 1920
- May 1921: Cause of death, pneumonia (<http://image2.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&Grid=82670>)

- **1920 Head nurse Ella C. Coffin**

familysearch.org ID: LVPP-D8C

b. July 8, 1883 in Wisconsin

d. 30 Mar 1958 in Hennepin, Minnesota

Never married

Father: Ellery Corey Coffin (1859-1948) b. Wisconsin

Mother: Olive Trephena Pierce (1860-1930) b. Wisconsin

- 1900 and 1910 census shows her living in Minneapolis
- Jan 1920 Census listed as age 36, single, born Wisconsin, head nurse at Provo General Hospital, living at South 1<sup>st</sup> East (Provo General Hospital) (not listed in 1920 [1919] Provo City Directory)  
1920 U.S. Federal Census, Provo Ward 1, Utah, Utah, Roll: *T625\_1868*; Page: *2A*;  
Enumeration District: *205*; Image: *645*
- Most likely filling in for Zina Johnson as Zina was appointed to the board of nurse examiners in March 1917, made president of the nurse examining board in May 1917, then attended the convention of the National League of Nursing Education in Atlanta, Georgia in Apr 1920. As Ella appears in the 1921 Peoria city directory, which was done in 1920, she probably left Provo after Zina returned from Atlanta.
- 1921 [1920] *Peoria City Directory 1921* (Peoria, Illinois: Leshnick Directory Co., 1921), 515. Coffin, Ella C. technician Methodist Hosp. room 221 N Glen Oak Av.
- 1922 [1921] *City Directory for Peoria, Illinois*. Coffin, Ella C. technician Methodist Hosp. room 221 N Glen Oak Av. (p. 523).
- Dec 1922. Nebraska. "Goes to Omaha Training School.—Miss Ella C. Coffin, a graduate of the Minneapolis General Hospital training school and recently connected with the Methodist Hospital, Peoria, Ill., has been engaged as full time instructress in the training school of the Wise Memorial Hospital, Omaha." *Modern Hospital*, vol. 19, No. 6 (Dec 1922): 76
- 1927 matron: "Hospital to Have 63 Pupil Nurses. Miss Ella C. Coffin, formerly of Minneapolis, who will have charge of the school for probationary nurses at the Burbank hospital, arrived yesterday. Miss Coffin received her training at the Minnesota General

hospital and took post-graduate work at the Collis P. Huntington Training school in Boston. There are now 42 girls under training in the Fitchburg hospital school and 21 more are expected to arrive tonight. A new class of 20 members will be started Feb. 1.” *Fitchburg Sentinel* (Fitchburg, Mass), Sept. 6, 1927, p. 1.

- 1930 Census she’s living in Fitchburg, Mass. Graduate registered nurse working as an instructor.
- 1936 retired: “Burbank Hospital. . . Miss Ella C. Coffin, instructor in the nurses training school for eight years, will retire in April.” *Fitchburg Sentinel* (Fitchburg, Mass), Dec. 31, 1936, p. 12
- 1936 retired: “Miss Coffin Resigns Post at Hospital. Miss Ella C. Coffin, instructor in science in the Burbank Hospital Nurses training school, resigned today. In a letter to Miss E. Elizabeth Brown, superintendent of nurses, Miss Coffin asked that the resignation be immediately effective. No reason for the action was given. Miss Coffin was instructor here for the past eight years. She came from the Essex County hospital at Cedar Grove, N.J., Sept. 5, 1927. She graduated from Minneapolis General hospital and did graduate work at Columbia university. She is 53 years old.” *Fitchburg Sentinel* (Fitchburg, Mass), Apr 9, 1936, p. 9.

Note: not in Utah papers, no pictures

**43. • 1920-1923 Dora Viola Bradford**

familysearch.org ID: KWJP-JXR

b. 4 May 1898 Spanish Fork, Utah

d. 8 Dec 1950 Santa Barbara, California. Buried in Spanish Fork, Utah

Never married



From Dave Bradford, [threeofnine@myfamily.com](mailto:threeofnine@myfamily.com)

- 1920 Census. Living at home, age 22, occupation: teacher in a school.
- 1930 Census. Living with mother, age 28, occupation: Trained nurse. Private duty and hospital.

- 1940 Census. Living in Fresno, Calif., a roomer, single, working as a practical nurse in private house.

Obituary: “She attended Spanish Fork schools and later took training to become a registered nurse. She received nurse training at the old Provo General hospital and the Holy Cross hospital in Salt Lake City. She graduated in 1923 [Gary Topping (email 2-21-2017 did not find her as a graduate of Holy Cross Hospital, so 1923 must be from Provo General. Maybe she worked at Holy Cross.]. She worked as a nurse in Provo with Dr. J. W. Aird, in Salina with Drs. Don C. and Leo Merrill and in Brigham City before going to Santa Barbara for the past 20 years.” *Salt Lake Tribune* Dec. 10, 1950, p. 83.

**44. • 1920-1923 Fern Gardner**

familysearch.org ID: KWV9-QDX

b. Jul 27, 1902, Clinton, Utah Co., Utah

d. Oct 7, 1987, Alameda, Calif.

m. Mar 18, 1922, Salt Lake City to Albert Keene Henry (1901-1978)

2 children

Father: Lorenzo Snow Gardner (1863-1953)

Mother: Annie Eliza Hennings (1866-1905)



From Kelly R Stansel from Ancestry

- 1920 Census. Living with father and brother in Spanish Fork. Occupation: none
- 1921 Provo City Directory listed as Fern Gardner, nurse, rooms 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 71)
- 1923 BYU Yearbook, listed as a freshman (p. 72)
- 1930 Census Fern Henry living in Salt Lake City with husband working as a nurse at General Hospital
- 1940 Census. Living in San Francisco with husband & 2 children. Occupation: [blank]

**45. • 1920-1923 Ethel Lulu Scott**

familysearch.org ID: KWC2-KFY

b. Jul 1904 in Provo, Utah

d. May 1991 Lakeview, Utah Co., Utah

m. 26 Dec 1926 Elton LeRoy Taylor in Salt Lake City  
4 children



From *As I Remember*, 16. AnnetteBuffoAnderson1, aa81277@aol.com

- By her husband: “When the resort was first begun, a neighbor boy and close friend from an adjoining farm, Alfred J. Madsen, brought his sister Gladys and her almost inseparable companion, Ethel Scott, also of Lakeview, to visit us. They came in a horse and buggy. This was my first meeting with Ethel. With her jet black hair, dark eyes, contagious smile, and quick wit, I thought she was the most beautiful [17] girl I had ever met. She just plain did something to me. I met her again at a party at LaMar Bird’s home. She was in nurses’ training at the Provo General Hospital. A few days later I got up enough courage to call her on the phone and ask her for a date. She accepted. From then on we “were going steady.” I took her around in our old Maxwell car which Father had turned over to us. It was called “The Cement Mixer” because it did so much road work.” Elton LeRoy Taylor, *As I Remember Events in My Life*.  
<https://archive.org/details/asirememberevent00tayl>, 15, 17.

“When Ethel returned to Provo [from Kansas while Elton was on his mission], she went to work as office nurse for Doctors Horace G. Merrill and Weston Oaks.” Elton LeRoy Taylor, *As I Remember Events in My Life*.  
<https://archive.org/details/asirememberevent00tayl>, 48.

- 1924 Provo City Directory, listed as a nurse at Lake View, business at C. K. Scott (p. 165)
- 1926 Provo City Directory, listed as a nurse at Lake View, business the same (p. 157)
- 1930 Census. Living in Price, Utah, with her husband and two young children. Occupation: none
- 1940 Census: Living in Price with her husband and four children. Occupation: [blank]
- Obit: “She graduated with the first graduating class of Lincoln High School in Orem [1922]. She then entered nurses’ training at Provo General Hospital, later working at the Aird Clinic and in private duty practice for local doctors. She lived in Pleasant Grove and

later moved to Price where she worked at Dixon-Taylor-Russell Co. as a bookkeeper and sales clerk." *Deseret News*, May 12, 1991 (clipping with no page number)

- **1921 American College of Surgeons:**

On the Executive Committee for Utah: J. W. Aird (p. 28)

Members ("Fellows") of the College of Surgeons: 17 doctors from Utah, of which J. W. Aird and Frederick W. Taylor are included (p. 197)

Aird, J. W., M.D., 65 East Second South Street, Provo, Utah. University of California Medical School, 1893. Surgeon, Provo General Hospital, Denver and Rio Grande Railway. (p. 225)

Taylor, Frederick Whitaker, M.D., 147 South Academy Avenue, Provo, Utah. University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College (University of the City of New York, Medical Department), 1892. Surgeon, Provo General Hospital (p. 590)

(*American College of Surgeons: Eighth Year Book, 1921*. Chicago, 1922)

- **Jun 1921—Zina gives tests for nursing licenses**

"...nurses, Mrs. E. G. Richards, Salt Lake; Miss H. Claire Haines, Salt Lake; Miss Anne E. Keegan, Salt Lake; **Miss Zina Johnson**, Provo, and Mrs. Charlotte E. Dancy, Logan. Dates when the examinations will be held will be announced later." "Examining Bodies Named by Hammond," *Salt Lake Telegram*, Jun 11, 1921, 2.

"Ogdenites Named State Examiners. . . . an announcement made by J. T. Hammond, director of the new state department of registration. Committees for the examination of dentists and nurses were also announced. . . . Nurses. Mrs. E. G. Richards, Salt Lake; Miss H. Claire Haines, Salt Lake; Miss Anna E. Keegan, Salt Lake; **Miss Zina Johnson**, Provo, and Mrs. Charlotte E. Dancy, Logan. . . . The committees appointed yesterday are to serve indefinitely, their tenure depending on the pleasure of the director." *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, Jun 11, 1921, p. 8.

"Utah Nurses Take Tests for Licenses. Salt Lake, June 21.—Examinations for licenses to practice nursing were begun yesterday by sixty-four applicants. The tests were being conducted in the state capitol. The examinations will continue three days.

This is the largest class since the law requiring the registration of nurses became effective in 1917, according to J. T. Hammond, director of the state department of registration. The nurses' examination committee is composed of Miss H. Claire Haines, Mrs. Evan G. Richards, Miss Sarah J. Bastow, Miss Anne E. Keegan and **Miss Zina Johnston**." *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, Jun 21, 1921, p. 3.

- **Dec 1921? Zina leaves Provo General (married in Jan 1922). End of nursing school?**

46. • **1921-1924 Lacy Edwards—finished at Aird Hospital**

familysearch.org ID: KWCC-PM2

b. Dec 22, 1895 in Charleston, Wasatch Co.

d. Jul 17, 1954 in Charleston, Wasatch Co.

m. Reed Rudolph Ekins (1892-1943) on Jan 13, 1932 in SLC  
Twins and 9 step children (one had died by the time she died)



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From [lpames@hotmail.com](mailto:lpames@hotmail.com)

- 1920 Census. Living in father's house in Charleston, Wasatch Co., occupation: housework for a private family
- 1921 Provo City Directory, nurse at Provo General Hospital, rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 61)
- 1924 Provo City Directory, nurse at Aird Hospital, rooms the same (p. 64)
- 1926 Provo City Directory, nurse at Aird Hospital, rooms basement 112 E. Center (p. 62)
- 1940 Census. Living on farm with husband and 8 children. Occupation: [blank]
- 1946 Provo City Directory, Lacy E. Ekins (widow Reed R. Ekins), nurse at Utah Valley Hospital, home 657 E 4<sup>th</sup> North (p. 106)
- 1954 Obit. "Lacy E. Ekins Dies Suddenly of Heart Attack. Lacy Edward Ekins, 58, well known Provo nurse, died this morning in a Provo grocery store of a sudden heart attack.

...She received early education in Charleston schools, and attended Brigham Young University. As a young woman she became a registered nurse.

“She had served in the Air[d] Hospital, Crane Maternity Home and the Utah Valley Hospital. She was married to Reed R. Ekins Jan. 13, 1932, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Mr. Ekins died May 1, 1943. She has since worked for Utah Valley Hospital until her retirement in the spring of 1953.

“She was a member of the LDS Church, and devoted her life to her nursing career, except for her 11 years of marriage. Survivors include twin sons...four stepsons and four stepdaughters...” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Jul 18, 1954, 2.

**47. • 1921-1924 Bernice Vance—finished at Aird Hospital**

familysearch.org ID: K2HT-RWY

b. Jun 3, 1902, Provo

d. May 17, 1968, Pleasant Grove, Utah Co.

m. Nov 19, 1925 to Edward Rulen Partridge (divorced 1934)

1 child

m. Dec 31, 1935 to Eartmann Hesse Christensen (1904-1992)

4 children



From Denise Marie Thomas

- 1920 Census. Living with parents in Provo. Occupation: None
- 1921 Provo City Directory listed as a nurse with rooms at 65 E 2<sup>nd</sup> South (p. 171)
- 1924 Provo City Directory, Bernice Vance nurse at Aird Hospital, rms the same (p. 190)
- Sister’s history: “My mother and my sister Bernice, the nurse, have helped me at the birth of children.” “Melba Vance Calder History”
- 1930 Father’s family history: “At the age of 75 years he underwent a critical operation, but John Alma came through all right. . . . His daughter Bernice, a graduate nurse and a faithful daughter took the best care possible at the hospital and also when he came home. “John Alma Vance 1855”
- Jun 1934 “Wife Asks Divorce, Provo—Alleging her husband struck and bruised her on several different occasions, Mrs. Bernice Vance Partridge of Provo Bench filed suit for

divorce Saturday from Edward Rulon Partridge. Mrs. Partridge seeks part of the household furniture, \$10 a month alimony and custody of a minor child. They were married November 19, 1925, at Provo.” *Salt Lake Tribune*, Jun 24, 1934, p. 55.

- Jul 1934 “Charging nonsupport, Mrs. Bernice Vance Partridge of Provo Bench was given a decree from Edward Rulon Partridge and was granted custody of a minor child. The marriage occurred in Provo, November 19, 1925.” “Three Women Given Decrees of Divorce,” *Salt Lake Telegram*, Jul 12, 1934, p. 8.
- Oct 1934 Made director with a 1-year term at the organization of District 4 of the Utah State Nurses’ Association. Several other nurses attended. See News clippings—nurses file. “Elected Head of Nurse Unit. Provo Woman Elected leader of New District Four Organization,” *Salt Lake Telegram*, Oct. 22, 1934, p. 7.
- Jun 1935 “Provo Nurses to Attend Convention. Five Provo nurses will attend the National Public Health convention at Helena, Montana, including **Mrs. Bernice Partridge**. See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo)*, Jun 30, 1935, p. 1.
- Jul 1935. “Medics Check Babies During County Clinic.” Doctors examined 50 babies and children from north Utah county at a baby conference at American Fork. Assisting at the clinic was **Berdie Partridge** [nickname?], Provo. See News clippings—nurse file. *Salt Lake Telegram*, Jul 20, 1935, 10.
- Apr 1936. Utah State Nurses association, District No. 3 (which includes Utah, Wasatch, Sanpete, Juab and Millard counties), met in Midway, including **Mrs. Bernice Christensen** from Provo. See News clippings—nurse file. *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Apr 27, 1936, 8.
- 1968 Obit. “She had been a public health nurse of Utah County, and had worked as a registered nurse at the American Fork Hospital for many years.” “Bernice Christensen, Pl. Grove Woman Dies at 65,” *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, May 19, 1968, p. 4

**48. • 1921-1924 Electa Sorensen—started training at PGH but did not finish there.**

familysearch.org ID: KWJJ-PBK

b. Dec 29, 1900, Provo

d. Jun 16, 1971, Provo

m. Apr 15, 1933, to William Stewart Parker in SLC

Father: William Walter Sorenson (1876-1952)

Mother: Fracelle Scott (1871-1946)

- 1921 Provo City Directory listed as a nurse at Provo General residing at 1219 W 6<sup>th</sup> South [not at the hospital] (p. 155)
- 1930 Census living with her parents, working as a weaver in Provo

- 1940 Census living with husband in Provo, Occupation: [blank]
- 1964 article in the Sunday Herald (Provo) about quilt-making in spite of severe arthritis (“Matron Contributes to Fund for Organ by Making Quilts,” *Sunday Herald* (Provo, UT), Nov 29, 1964, p. 18
- Obit: “Mrs. Parker received her education in Provo City schools. Before her marriage, she was a seamstress at the Utah Woolen Mills. They lived in Nevada and Montana after their marriage, then returned to Provo where she had since resided. Mrs. Parker . . . had also attended the Nursing Course given at the Air[d] Hospital.” “Provo Lady Succumbs at Age 70,” *The Daily Herald* (Provo, Utah), Jun 17, 1971, p. 4.

- **Jan 5, 1922—Zina and Wm. Roylance marry (his wife had died in Sep 1920)**

- **Jan 31, 1923—Dr. Robison sells his interest in the hospital.**

- **Jan 1, 1923—Partnership dissolves and buildings distributed**

- **Jan 1, 1923.** The hospital “continued in operation until January 1, 1923, when the Provo Clinical Association, comprised of Doctors J. W. Aird, Fred W. Taylor, David Westwood, H. G. Merrill, Fred R. Taylor, C. H. Carroll, Carl Beck and Lewis W. Oaks, was dissolved. The divisions of the hospital continued in operation under separate management of the different units.” (J. Marinus Jensen, *History of Provo, Utah*, [Provo: New Century Printing Co.]:1924, 229.)

- **Jan 12, 1923—Aird Hospital**

Location: Same location at 192 South 100 East, but “cut down” and “remodeled”  
(<http://www.provoliberal.com/historical-anna-smoot-taylor>)

Years of operation: 1923-39

Name changed to Aird Hospital: 1924

Additional partner 1934: Wilford Woolf

Specialties: Surgery and general medicine

- **Feb 25, 1923—Aird Hospital in business**

- **Services after Provo General Hospital closed:** “Aird Hospital Plan Announced. The Aird hospital, formerly the Provo General hospital, is now operating with increased vigor and efficiency.

“There is a misunderstanding by some people to the effect that the hospital corporation has been dissolved in such a way as to decrease the efficiency of the institution. But, according to Dr. H. G. Merrill, the hospital has been reorganized under the head of Dr. Aird into three divisions. The general hospital proper is the east building on Second South and First East where Dr. Aird will conduct surgery with trained nurses in place of pupil nurses as was previously the case.” “Aird Hospital Plan Announced,” *Sunday Herald* (Provo, Utah), Feb 25, 1923, p. 1

**49. • 1921 Alice Z. Stockstad [or Stockstead] May not have finished her training**

familysearch.org ID: none. Data all from Ancestry  
b. Nov 15, 1902, in North Dakota (Evangelical Lutheran)  
d. 30 Aug 2002

m. Joseph Hamilton Anderson (15 Jul 1885-5 Jan 1978) about 1926  
b. Rock Rapids, Lyon Co., Iowa; d. Folsom, Sacramento Co., Calif.  
2 children

Father: John Stockstad, born Minnesota  
Mother: Sophia Fangsrud, b. Minnesota

- 1920 Census living in Southerland, Millard Co., Utah with mother who was working as a cook. Her occupation: None
- 1922 [1921] Provo City Directory listed as a nurse at Provo General with rooms as 251 S 4<sup>th</sup> West (p. 158)
- 1926 shown as living in Sacramento, Calif. In Sacramento.
- 1930 Census listed as married and a homemaker in Sacramento
- 1940 Census. Living in Berkeley, Calif. With husband and two children. Occupation: [blank]

- **Reminiscences**

John W. Aird: "The nurses I helped to train and those who so loyally and splendidly assisted me in operating and carrying on the Aird Hospital for many years, hold a special corner in my memory and affections. All have contributed to my wellbeing and happiness." Aird to My Many Dear Friends, Oct 16, 1945.

- **Nov 1939 Nurses reunion**

"Nurses Meet at Aird Home. A delightful reunion of nurses who graduated from the Provo General hospital Training School for Nurses, and those who had worked with Dr. J. W. Aird during the lifetime of the Provo General and Aird hospitals, was held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Aird Thursday evening....Twenty-two nurses were present. In addition to those from Provo, Orem and Vineyards, there were nurses from Los Angeles, Payson, Heber, Lehi and Springville." *Daily Herald (Provo, Utah)*, Nov. 3, 1939, 3.

(By Nov. 1939, these nurses had died: Hilda Boyer, Edith Wilmott, and Anna Bulkley) 46 nurses total, less 3=43. 22 came to reunion.

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